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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

World

Madrid train bombings: Spanish police have re-arrested two men who were questioned but released shortly after the March 11 train bombings in Madrid, an Interior Ministry spokesman said Friday.

Abdelkrim Beghdali of Algeria and Safwan Sabagh of Syria — both 41 — were arrested in the eastern coastal region of Valencia, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

She said they were arrested again Friday because their fingerprints were found in an apartment outside Madrid where seven bombing suspects blew themselves up April 3 as police moved in to arrest them.

Uzbekistan attacks: Uzbek prosecutors demanded jail terms of up to 20 years — not death — for 15 alleged al-Qaida-linked Islamic militants accused in attacks that killed at least 47 people earlier this year.

We do "not demand capital punishment," prosecutor Murat Salikhov said Friday.

Salikhov said they called for lengthy jail terms because of the suspects' guilty pleas, repentance and cooperation with investigators. All 15 have pleaded guilty to charges of religious extremism, terrorism and murder.

Mad cow fears: The European Food Safety Authority on Friday raised its assessment of the risk of finding mad cow disease in the United States, Canada and Norway, but officials said the move would affect only Norwegian beef exporters.

Norway's reclassification from "highly unlikely" to "unlikely but not excluded" means its exporters will have to "take out a bit more significant risk material" before shipping beef into the EU, said European Commission spokeswoman Beate Grunder.

The United States and Canada were both raised from "unlikely" to "likely but not confirmed or confirmed at a lower level." That follows the discovery of a lone case of mad cow disease in Canada's Alberta province and another in Washington state in 2003.

International space station: Russian engineers used a newly docked cargo ship to push the international space station into a slightly higher orbit Friday.

Mission Control fired the engines on the Progress M-50 cargo ship for about five minutes at 5:24 a.m. to push the station about 2.5 miles higher, the Russian space agency said in a statement.

Engineers hoped to use the procedure to accurately weigh the sprawling station, the space agency said.

Japan nuclear disaster: Officials at a Japanese nuclear plant found four workers died in a recent accident defended themselves Friday against charges of lax safety standards, saying there was no evidence the plant was dangerous before the accident.

The Nuclear Safety Commission grilled officials from Kansai Electrical Power Co. in a second day of hearings about the Aug. 9 accident, in which a cooling pipe burst at a plant in Mihama, 200 miles west of Tokyo, spewing boiling water and superheated steam on workers.

States

School raid: A guns-drawn raid at a high school in Charleston, S.C., last year did not violate the state's rights laws and the case is closed, the U.S. Justice Department says.

"The evidence does not establish a prosecutable violation" of federal civil rights laws, a Justice Department official said in a letter to Goose Creek Police Chief Harvey Becker. The letter says, "Accordingly, we have closed our investigation."

The Justice Department decision "is a



Princess Diana fountain: A memorial fountain honoring Princess Diana in London had a second, subdued opening Friday with new signs up warning people not to wade in the unexpectedly slippery granite ring. The fountain was opened by Queen Elizabeth II on July 6, but shut down within days as falling leaves clogged the system and a few visitors were injured in falls.

great relief," meaning there will be no criminal charges, Andy Savage, a lawyer for officers in the case, said.

Using a drug dog, police found no drugs or weapons in the Nov. 5 raid that frightened children, provoked marches and lawsuits and brought national media attention and the resignation of Stratford High School's longtime principal.

Robert Blake case: Months before the scheduled start of actor Robert Blake's murder trial in Los Angeles, a former investigator has been called to the stand by prosecutors who want to make sure his testimony is heard.

"The 'conditional examination' of William Jordan, scheduled for Friday, was requested by prosecutors who said that because he is more than 70 years old, he may be unavailable at the time of the trial. His testimony would still be admitted at trial.

Nichols case: Deciding at the last possible moment not to appeal his conviction, Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols brought his case to a final close, saying he hoped it would begin a "long-awaited healing process."

For Nichols, it means a life in prison with no further recourse.

SUV lawsuit: A San Diego judge upheld a jury verdict that Ford Motor Co. was responsible for an accident that left a woman paralyzed when her Explorer rolled over, but reduced the damages against the automaker from \$369 million to \$150 million.

Superior Court Judge Kevin Enright said

in his ruling Thursday the evidence presented at trial earlier this year showed Ford "acted with malice and that Ford acted with a conscious disregard for the safety of others."

Attorneys for defendant Benetta Buell-Wilson argued the automaker used weak support pillars in the vehicle "which resulted in the Explorer having a propensity to collapse in a rollover collision."

Business

File sharing lawsuit: In a judicial blow to the entertainment industry, a federal appeals court in San Francisco ruled that makers of two leading file-sharing programs are not legally liable for the songs, movies and other copyright works their users swap online.

The decision is likely to force the industry to take the more costly and less popular route of going directly after file-swappers.

Recording companies already have sued more than 3,400 such users; at least 600 of the cases were eventually settled for roughly \$3,000 each.

Military

Anthrax contamination: An Army investigation into anthrax contamination outside secure labs at the United States' chief biodefense research facility blames cavalier attitudes for the safety breach.

The anthrax leaks were detected in April 2002 at the Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md. Officials at the facility, which served as the chief forensic lab for the 2001 anthrax mailings that killed five people, revamped security and safety rules last year.

Stories and photos from wire services



Nichols



Iraqis loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr rest at the Imam Ali Mosque as the Mahdi army clashes with U.S. and Iraqi forces in the besieged city of Najaf, Iraq. On Friday, al-Sadr's militiamen removed weapons from the mosque, and the cleric may hand over the shrine to Iraqi officials.

Najaf militiamen remove arms from inside shrine

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — Militiamen loyal to rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on Friday removed weapons from the revered Imam Ali Shrine in Najaf in a step aimed at ending the two-week-old uprising centered on the holy site.

Al-Sadr's followers remained in control of the walled shrine compound, but kept their guns outside. Some of the same fighters who earlier had been in the shrine with weapons were still there, but now unarmed and mingling with civilians.

The firebrand cleric agreed to take a further step and surrender the shrine, which his Mahdi Army militia has used as a stronghold and as refuge. Al-Sadr aides were working out the handover of control over the shrine to Iraq's highest Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani.

Turning the shrine over likely would mean an end to al-Sadr's revolt for the time being — though it would not necessarily mean the dismantling of his militia, a demand he so far has rejected.

Confusion was created when an Interior Ministry spokesman, Sabah Kadhim, said Friday

evening that police had entered the shrine and arrested 400 armed militants without incident.

However, an Associated Press reporter and other journalists who were in the shrine throughout the day said no police entered and no arrests were made. In the evening, no Iraqi police or security forces were in the shrine.

Sporadic gunfire and occasional explosions were heard in the city Friday evening, but far less than previous nights.

The surprise moves to resolve the crisis came a day after Iraq's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi, threatened to storm the shrine, a move certain to cause bloodshed and infuriate Shiites across Iraq. On Thursday and overnight, U.S. warplanes bombed militia positions in Najaf in fighting that killed 77 people and wounded 70 others.

But with Najaf on Friday at its quietest in weeks, Allawi backed off his threats, saying a peaceful resolution was possible. And his national security adviser said the government wanted al-Sadr to join the political process.

"We are not going to attack the mosque, we are not going to attack Muqtada al-Sadr and the mosque, evidently we are not going to do this," Allawi told BBC

radio Friday. "The olive branch is still extended; he can take advantage of the olive branch."

By nightfall, many armed al-Sadr militiamen still were around the shrine, circulating in the Old City district. Militiamen and other followers also were inside the shrine — but unarmed. As gunmen entered, they left their weapons with comrades outside, then reclaimed them as they exited.

The AP reporter at the site saw no weapons in the shrine. It was not known whether any weapons were hidden inside, though militant leaders denied there were.

Allawi's government wants al-Sadr and his followers incorporated into the political process, Iraqi National Security adviser Mouffaq al-Rubaie said. He told CNN that al-Sadr was not a terrorist and did not pose a strategic threat to Iraq like al-Qaida and other extremists did.

"The political process and democracy in Iraq is accommodating that it can and will accommodate even the most extremist group, including Muqtada al-Sadr," he said.

Meanwhile, insurgents set off a roadside bomb that killed an American soldier and wounded two others in the city of Samarra, northwest of Baghdad, the military said.

Uncertainty about al-Sadr's motives complicates efforts

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — What's clear about radical Iraqi cleric Muqtada al-Sadr is that he wants power, U.S. officials say. What's less certain is what he wants to do with that power or how far he'll go to get it.

As the U.S. government struggles to understand al-Sadr and his motives, that uncertainty is complicating efforts to end one of the greatest threats to stability in Iraq.

Al-Sadr, whose loyalists have been fighting a U.S.-Iraqi force throughout Najaf for two weeks, wants U.S. forces to leave the country and opposes Iraq's interim government, but doesn't say what he wants in its place, U.S. officials say. He has close ties to Iran, but it's not known whether he wants Iraq to have a clerical government like Iran's. He says he's ready to become a martyr, but that may be just talk.

"I don't think we can trust al-Sadr," Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's national security adviser, said Wednesday on Fox News Channel. "We have seen many, many times al-Sadr assume or say he is going to accept certain terms and then it turns out not to be the case."

Solving the problem "is a matter for the Iraqi government," she stressed Thursday in appearances on television networks ABC, CBS and NBC.

"No one is listening to his words. Every-

body says that he must have deeds now because no one trusts him to keep his word. The Iraqis have been very tough and I think we ought to let this play out," she said.

A State Department official said no one in the government is sure what al-Sadr represents or what his motives and goals are. In general, U.S. officials think al-Sadr's main goal probably is the advancement of his own political influence, the official said on condition of anonymity, because of the sensitivity of the situation in Iraq.

Pentagon officials, for their part, say it is unclear whether al-Sadr is willing to participate in the interim government, or if he wants to overthrow it. He has wavered between violent defiance and peaceful accommodation, most recently agreeing to lay down his arms and withdraw his Mahdi Army militia from a holy shrine in Najaf.

The uncertainty over his goals has left U.S. officials divided over whether the conflict with al-Sadr can be resolved peacefully or whether he and his supporters must be crushed.

Kenneth Katzman, an Iraq specialist at the Congressional Research Service, said the result has been a U.S. policy that has been "lurching one day to this next but then going after him, cease-fire, go after him, restraint."

"I think it's just confusion," he said.

Adding to the uncertainty is the United States' limited ability to deal directly with



A supporter of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr prays with others holding pictures of al-Sadr during noon prayers Friday in Basra, Iraq.

al-Sadr. Any political solution would have to be worked out by Iraqis, and Iraqi forces would have a key role in fighting, particularly in sensitive religious sites.

"In the end this is going to have to be resolved by the Iraqis themselves," said David Mack, a former senior State Department official for the Middle East. "We can provide the canyon around Najaf as we have, we can provide backing for them, we can provide intelligence and logistic support. And they have got to resolve it."

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, 947 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 706 died as a result of hostile action and 241 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, nine; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 809 U.S. troops have died — 597 as a result of hostile action and 212 of nonhostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by military:

■ A Marine assigned to 1 Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action Wednesday in Najaf. Another Marine died after a vehicle accident in Anbar province.

■ A soldier was killed Wednesday by small arms fire in Sadr City, eastern Baghdad.

The latest identification reported by the military:

■ Army Pfc. Henry C. Risner, 26, Golden, Colo., killed Wednesday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his checkpoint came under fire assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

■ Army Spc. Brandon T. Titus, 20, Boise, Idaho, killed Tuesday in Baghdad, Iraq, in an explosion near his checkpoint; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y.

Troops say they'll miss tours in Europe

Many also feel South Korea cuts will tempt North to invade Seoul

BY JASON CHUDY
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Stars and Stripes

Troops deployed to the gritty combat zones of Iraq and Central Asia say they'll miss tours to friendlier assignments in Europe, but the understand the reasons for cutting troops there.

It's reductions to forces from South Korea — a hardship tour for most soldiers — that's raising eyebrows among many troops.

As part of a plan announced by President Bush on Monday, the Pentagon will cut some 70,000 troops from Europe and the Pacific. The bulk of those cuts will come from Europe, officials say, largely from the Army's Germany-based 1st Armored and 2nd Infantry divisions. Those units will relocate to the United States starting in as little as two years. In the process, up to one-third of the 37,000 U.S. troops based in South Korea will leave the peninsula, as well.

Both Germany-based divisions and one brigade from the South Korea-based 2nd Infantry Division have been, or currently are, deployed to Iraq.

"As much as I liked being stationed in Germany, it's about time we pulled out," said Sgt. 1st Class David Westphal, now serving in Iraq with a Fort Riley, Kan.-based unit.

"The threat we had no longer exists," he said. "The threat is elsewhere."

That threat, many believe, is in South Korea. Many don't agree with cuts there, as it may provide too much of a temptation to nuclear-armed North Korea.

"As soon as you do that, they'll



SPC. Jeff Nichols

walk right down into Seoul," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Joseph, who's in Iraq working for Dataphast Company, a military contractor. "It's a cakewalk."

Joseph, who retired from the Army two years ago, spent three years in South Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division.

"It definitely makes it easier for North Korea," agreed Dallas-native SPC. Jeff Nichols of the 555th Engineer Company, who spent a year in South Korea. "[Troops] being a hell of a lot closer to home is not good for national or world security. It won't benefit from that."

Some soldiers believe that their soldiering skills benefited from being stationed overseas.

"As soon as you're overseas, you have to concentrate more," said Joseph. "It gives soldiers a sense of urgency and an idea of what the Army is all about."



Reginald Joseph

"Training is not the same back home like it is there," said Westphal. "The operational tempo of the Army will keep you overseas, anyway."

"We get to places sometimes that we don't like or that are a hardship, like Iraq, but even in those hardships there is a tremendous opportunity to grow and learn and expand yourself culturally," said Sgt. Brian Sutton of the 2nd ID's 2nd Brigade Combat Team. "In that regard, I will miss an overseas assignment."

"Soldiers probably always look at stateside assignments as a good thing because that puts us closer to home and family," said the 33-year-old Sutton, who left his wife and children in South Korea for this deployment. "If we are talking about moving units back to the States, I'm all for that."

Pfc. Travis Jenkins, however, couldn't disagree more.



Sgt. Michael Reuben

Jenkins was disappointed when he got assigned to Hawaii after graduating from military police school last year. His first pick: Germany.

"I was really hoping to get an assignment there," said Jenkins, now deployed to Uzbekistan. "I guess now I won't get my chance."

His supervisor, Staff Sgt. Eric Gutierrez, got his chance a few years ago and wouldn't have traded it for the world.

"I loved Europe, I had a blast," said Gutierrez, who served in Germany from 1999 to 2002 and is now deployed to Uzbekistan. Still, he says he grudgingly accepts that times are changing.

"We've been drawing down Europe for years and this is probably next logical step," he said.

Others hope there will still be opportunities for duty there.

"People really want to do tours in Europe," said Air Force Capt.



Staff Sgt. Eric Gutierrez

Scott Meakin, an HC-130 "Combat King" navigator in Uzbekistan.

"A lot of people join the military to see the world," said Meakin. With troops restricted to base in Uzbekistan, Meakin says he doesn't feel like he's seeing much of this part of the world. "At least in Europe you can go out and experience the culture."

Others, however, say it's not where you serve, but how you serve.

"If you're going to be a good soldier, it's in yourself, not where you're at," said the Bronx, N.Y.-native Sgt. Michael Reuben of the 2nd Battalion, 88th Field Artillery, who's deployed to Iraq with the 95th Military Police Battalion.

Reporter Seth Robson contributed to this story.

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New EU leader seeks unified stance on Iraq

BY PAUL GEITNER
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European governments should put division over Iraq behind them and join in helping the United States restore order there, the European Union's incoming chief executive said in an interview published Friday.

"Some people in Europe may think that it is good that things are going badly for the U.S." in Iraq, European Commission President-designate Jose Manuel Barroso said in the interview with five European newspapers. "I really think that is irrational and a bad policy."

As Portugal's prime minister, Barroso supported the U.S.-led invasion, hosting a prewar summit with the leaders of the United States, Britain and Spain in the Azores Islands. The country has about 120 police officers stationed

near Nasiriyah in southern Iraq.

France and Germany opposed the war and have refused to send troops to help the U.S.-led coalition. Spain recently pulled its forces out of Iraq following the election of a new government.

Divisions over Iraq cast a shadow over efforts last June to choose the next commission president, who runs the EU's 24,000-strong civil service.

Britain and Italy rejected an early front-runner — Belgian Prime Minister Guy Verhofstadt — partly over his strident opposition to the Iraq war. France rejected a British candidate but agreed to Barroso, despite his stance on Iraq.

In the interview, Barroso said Europeans should "leave behind our disagreements on Iraq" and "give a positive, strong contribution to the Iraqi problem."

He said he wanted to see a



Jose Manuel Barroso

"good, close, cooperative" relationship with the United States.

"It is in our interest to work with them, but it is also in the interest of the world," he said. But, he added, "I don't like to see the EU in a secondary position. Partnership needs respect and that works both ways."

Iraqi soldiers graduate basic training course, will form Samarra unit

Stars and Stripes

More than 300 Iraqi soldiers celebrated the completion of a three-week basic training course Monday with a ceremony in Tikrit attended by American and Iraqi dignitaries, a Task Force Danger spokesman said.

The soldiers are from Samarra, a city of more than 200,000 that has been a center of resistance to U.S. occupation and the new Iraqi government's authority and the site of a deadly car-bomb attack July 8 that killed five U.S. and two Iraqi soldiers.

They will patrol alongside the troops of Task Force I-26, composed primarily of soldiers

from the 1st Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team and the New York National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment.

Lt. Gen. David Petraeus and Maj. Gen. John Batiste, joined Iraqi military and government leaders and international media at the ceremony, according to the 1st Infantry Division's Web site.

Batiste, who is commander of the Tikrit-based Task Force Danger and the 1st Infantry Division, reportedly told the gathering that tens of millions of dollars have been made available to rebuild infrastructure in the troubled city, but none will be spent until it is peaceful.

Professor: Iraq prison docs aided abuse

BY EMMA ROSS

The Associated Press

LONDON — Doctors working for the U.S. military in Iraq collaborated with interrogators in the abuse of detainees at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, profoundly breaching medical ethics and human rights, a bioethicist charges in The Lancet medical journal.

In a scathing analysis of the behavior of military doctors, nurses and medics, University of Minnesota professor Steven Miles calls for a reform of military medicine and an official investigation into the role played by physicians and other medical staff in the torture scandal.

He cites evidence that doctors or medics falsified death certificates to cover up homicides, hid evidence of beatings and revived a prisoner so he could be further tortured. No reports of abuses were initiated by medical personnel until the official investigation into Abu Ghraib began, he found.

"The medical system collaborated with designing and implementing psychological and physically coercive interrogations," Miles said in this week's edition of Lancet.

"Army officials stated that a physician and a psychiatrist helped design, approve and monitor interrogations at Abu Ghraib."

The analysis does not shed light on how many doctors were involved or how widespread the problem of medical complicity was, aspects that Miles said he is now investigating.

A U.S. military spokesman said the incidents recounted by Miles came primarily from the Pentagon's own investigation of the abuses.

Charges Abu Ghraib medics covered up now-infamous torture

"Many of these cases remain under investigation and charges will be brought against any individual where there is evidence of abuse," said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, U.S. Army spokesman for detainee operations in Iraq.

In a related matter, two military officials in Washington said Thursday that a high-level Army inquiry will cite medical personnel who knew of abuse at Abu Ghraib but did not report it up the chain of command. The inquiry also will criticize senior U.S. commanders for a lack of leadership that allowed abuses to occur, but finds no evidence they ordered the abuse, said the sources, who spoke condition of anonymity.

Although the conduct of soldiers has been scrutinized, the role of medical staff in the scandal has received relatively little attention.

"The detaining power's health personnel are the first and often the last line of defense against human rights abuses. Their failure to assume that role emphasizes to the prisoner how utterly beyond humane appeal they are," Miles said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

He said military medicine reform needs to be enshrined in international law and include more clout for military medical staff in the defense of human rights.

Miles gathered evidence from U.S. congressional hearings, sworn statements of detainees and soldiers, medical journal accounts and press reports to build a picture of physician complicity, and in isolated cases active participation by medical per-

sonnel in abuse at the Baghdad prison, as well as in Afghanistan and at the Guantanamo Bay detention center in Cuba.

In one example, cited in a sworn statement from an Abu Ghraib detainee, a prisoner collapsed and was apparently unconscious after a beating. Medical staff reviewed the detainee and left, allowing the abuse to continue, Miles reported.

Depositions from two detainees at Abu Ghraib described an incident in which a doctor allowed a medically untrained guard to sew up a prisoner's wound.

A military police officer reported a medic inserted an intravenous tube into the corpse of a detainee who died while being tortured to create evidence that he was alive at the hospital, Miles said.

At prisons in both Iraq and Afghanistan, "physicians routinely attributed detainee deaths on death certificates to heart attacks, heat stroke or natural causes without noting the unnatural [cause] of the death," Miles wrote.

He cites an example from a Human Rights Watch report in which soldiers tied a beaten detainee to the top of his cell door and gagged him. The death certificate indicated he died of "natural causes ... during his sleep." However, after media coverage, the Pentagon changed the cause of death to homicide by blunt force injuries and suffocation.

Dr. Robert Jay Lifton, a psychiatrist at Harvard University-affiliated Cambridge Hospital who wrote a book on doctors and torture in Nazi Germany, called the Lancet analysis "a very good, detailed description

of violations of medical policies involving medical ethics."

In a July 29 New England Journal of Medicine essay, Lifton urged medics to report what they know about American torture at Abu Ghraib and other prisons, and said in an interview Thursday that a non-military-led investigation of doctors' conduct is needed.

"They made choices," he said. "No doctor would have been physically abused or put to death if he or she tried to interrupt that torture. It would have taken courage, but it was a choice they had."

In an editorial comment, The Lancet condemned the behavior of the doctors, saying that despite dual loyalties, they are doctors first and soldiers second.

"Those who were involved or witnessed ill-treatment need to give a full and accurate account of events at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo Bay," the journal said.

Johnson, the Army spokesman, said the U.S. military "will allow no actions that undermine or compromise medical professionals' commitment to caring for the sick and wounded, regardless of who they are or their circumstances."

In his article, Miles dismissed Pentagon officials pointing the blame for the abuse on poor training, understaffing, racism, pressure to procure intelligence and the stress of war.

"Fundamentally, however, the stage for these offenses was set by policies that were lax or permissive with regard to human rights abuses, and a military command that was inattentive to human rights," Miles concluded.

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Troops at Udairi Range meet local wildlife

Nature mixes with U.S. forces in Kuwait, making servicemembers think twice before acting

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

At first glance, the desert that surrounds Camp Buehring and Udairi Range appears to be a desolate, hellish training environment.

Soldiers who live there, including those from the 2nd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, known as the Strikeforce, have discovered there is more to this scorched landscape than meets the eye.

A close inspection of the ground reveals a few sickly plants struggling to make a home in the sand. And a few miles from Camp Buehring there is even a tree. It grows a few hundred yards from Iron Horse Road, the last piece of hardball before the turn-off for the camp.

The tree is so unique that soldiers are thinking up names for it. Some 2nd ID soldiers have suggested calling it the Kuwaiti Tree of Knowledge in honor of another Tree of Knowledge growing at Twin Bridges Training Area in South Korea.

Others refer to it as "the Joshua Tree," a reference to the platinum selling album by pop-group U2.

"Where's Bono?" asked one soldier as he drove past the tree recently.

Scurrying amongst the sparse vegetation are deadly insects such as scorpions and camel-spiders.

Salem, Ohio, native Warrant Officer Randall Menough, 41, of the 699th Maintenance Company, said these creatures sometimes make their homes at the engineering workshop he operates in a corner of Camp Buehring.

A camel spider bit a soldier after he picked up a sheet of metal it was living under, he said.

"The camel spider is a meat eater. They are not poisonous but they inject you with a numbing agent," Menough explained.

The soldier was kept in the hospital overnight for observation but was released the next day suffering effects similar to those of a bee-sting victim.

After five months in the desert, Menough has accumulated a collection of scorpions assembled in a glass terrarium to amuse visitors. There are two types of scorpions — small yellow ones and large black ones.

The smaller scorpions are more venomous than their larger cousins, but when it comes to a battle they usually succumb to their more heavily armored foes, soldiers said.

Perhaps the most striking desert creatures are the cat-sized green and yellow lizards that prowl the wasteland. Their spiky tails and faces give them the appearance of miniature *Tyrannosaurus Rexes*.

There are no lizards in Menough's miniature zoo and he has no plans to acquire one. "We don't mess with the lizards. The yellow ones are dangerous," he said.

The cold-blooded reptiles like to bask in the sun or scuttle about the dusty landscape searching for prey.

Each appears to have marked out its



PHOTOS BY SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

Above: Camels create a common, albeit unusual, driving hazard for 2nd ID soldiers training at Udairi Range in Kuwait.

Right: Camels graze by the side of the road. But don't be fooled by their docile appearance. Camels are no more amicable than the skittish lizards. Some soldiers even make sport of newcomers by telling them they can pet the camels, and then laugh when a would-be camel-petter recoils in fear as a seemingly friendly beast spits and snaps at him.

own territory, which it patrols vigilantly in the hot sun.

However, an attempt to make friends with one of the lizards is rebuffed. The beast scuttles off, stopping every so often to glance back over its shoulder at the two-legged stranger before disappearing down its hole, a small depression in the sand that resembles a rabbit's burrow.

The mega-fauna of this marvelous eco-system are the towering camels that strut about the desert haughtily gazing down at passersby, seemingly mocking the camel-backs worn by the soldiers.

These majestic beasts are uniquely equipped to survive out here, retaining enough water in their humps to survive where ordinary beasts would perish.

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seemingly docile beast spits and snaps at him.

The cruel tricks of the humans mirror the cruelty seen in nature, as insect eats plant, lizard eats insect, camel accidentally stamps on lizard.

Spc. Christopher Pizzino, 21, of Cleveland, from Battery B, 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment found a pile of camel bones in the desert. He took the skull of the deceased animal and tied it to the front of his Humvee. Now

its vacant eyes stare out from the hood as if to say: "This could happen to you if you don't drink enough water, soldier."

The young soldiers commandeer, Lt. Col. John Fant has also been on the lookout for wildlife, spotting a desert fox the other day.

"The only desert fox I knew before was [Gen. Erwin

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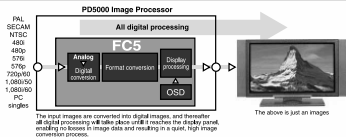
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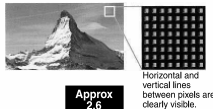
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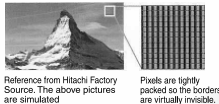
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Source: Navy commands to consolidate

Naval Forces Europe headquarters, 6th Fleet would merge in Naples

BY JASON CHUDY
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Stars and Stripes

The U.S. military's overseas troop shake-up is expected to include a large number of changes to Navy forces in Europe, including the merger of its top two headquarters and the downsizing of a base in Iceland, according to several Navy officials and other sources.

The Navy has released few details on the plans for Europe, but some of the changes already have started.

The biggest move in the redesign is the plan to move its headquarters in London — where it has been since World War II — and to combine its top staffs in Naples, Italy, as early as next summer.

The London-based Naval Forces Europe headquarters staff and the Gaeta, Italy-based 6th Fleet staff are expected to merge and operate from the Naval Support Activity Naples's windowless command and control building, according to a Navy official who spoke on a condition of anonymity.

The consolidated command will have about 500 military and civilian personnel from the two parent staffs, as well as personnel from other Naples-area commands, including the Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean combined staff and possibly Submarine Group Eight, the official said.

The merger in Naples and changes to Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, also were recently cited in a Government Accountability Office report to Congress on plans for overseas bases.

The July 2004 report states that although a master plan for European structure has not been finalized, commanders are continuing "to develop and implement plans for facilities they believe will have an enduring presence," including Naval Support Activities, Naples. Naval Station Rota in Spain also is mentioned in the report as a base Navy leaders want to keep.

Navy Europe spokesman Capt. Gordon Hume said he wouldn't discuss any pending changes because the Pentagon has not completed its realignment plan, what military officials call the Global Posture Review.

President Bush announced Monday that plans to bring home 60,000 to 70,000 troops and 100,000 family members and civilian employees by closing hundreds of overseas bases.



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People walk around the Capodichino base Friday in Naples, Italy. As part of the Defense Department's global repositioning, Navy commands in London could be moved to Naples by next summer.

"Until final decisions are made with regard to the Global Posture Review, it is inappropriate for us to discuss specifics of any recommendations under review," Hume wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

The U.S. military still is in the process of consulting and negotiating these plans with "current and potential host countries" as well as the U.S. Congress, Hume added in his e-mail.

The GAO report stated that the base in Iceland would be trimmed over the next few years as some of its current missions are moved to other European bases.

It mentioned "three parcels of land in Iceland have been nominated by U.S. Navy Europe for return to the host nation and are currently in the property return process."

The Naples merger is being done, accord-

ing to the GAO report, "to reduce costs while increasing operational effectiveness," including cutting a number of redundant positions and missions in the various staffs, many of which have historically overlapped.

The as-yet unnamed command had been expected to officially stand up Oct. 1, the Navy official said, but the move from London to Naples couldn't be completed in that time frame.

Navy public affairs officials in Europe and Washington have repeatedly told Stars and Stripes that any changes have not been approved through military or diplomatic channels and therefore can't be confirmed.

However, hints of some of the details have leaked into base newspapers, town hall-style meetings and official military Web sites.

For example, one of the planned changes, the makeup of the new command's medical staff, was posted on the Tricare Europe Web site. Plans show that of the 17 military and civilian positions currently carried by the two staffs, three officers and one enlisted position will be cut when they merge.

In addition, there been frequent references to one of the merged command's early working names — Commander, Naval European Command — by area military officials.

The Commander Navy Region Europe Web site, www.cnrjefobs.com, has jobs listed for the new command under the name Commander, Naval European Command.

Initial elements of the new command started working together in a "fusion cell" at the Naples' C4I building earlier this year, according to two sailors working in the cell who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

When the staffs officially merge, the four-star Navy Europe and three-star 6th Fleet commanders will continue to control their previous areas of responsibility, Navy officials said.

Under the current setup, Navy Forces Europe commands all Navy operations in Europe. Its commander, Adm. Gregory Johnson, also serves as head of NATO's Naples-based Joint Forces Command. Until recently, the command had been known as Allied Forces Southern Europe.

The 6th Fleet mainly is responsible for all ship, aircraft and submarine operations in its area of operations, which includes all waters surrounding Europe and most of Africa. It is one of five numbered Navy fleets, which are each responsible for large areas of the world.

In November 2002, the Navy officially formed a new command: Commander, Navy Region Europe, also known as CNAE. It is responsible for maintenance and supply of the Navy's eight major European bases.

Plans also may be in the works to cut all military ship and possibly aircraft maintenance billets, according to a Navy official.

The Navy doesn't operate any shipyards in the Mediterranean Sea region and any maintenance work is done in civilian-run facilities in the area or by the La Maddalena, Sardinia-based submarine tender USS Emory S. Land.

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The Norfolk, Va.-based USS Mount Whitney is set to replace the USS La Salle next year as the flagship of the Navy's 6th Fleet, according to an officer on the ship speaking on the condition of anonymity. The Mount Whitney is expected to arrive in Gaeta, Italy, early next year. The 6th Fleet, however, is likely to be relocated to Naples by next summer.

USS Mount Whitney will take over as flagship of 6th Fleet, officer says

BY JASON CHUDY
Stars and Stripes

The possible move of the U.S. Navy's 6th Fleet from Gaeta, Italy, to Naples also could include a change of the flagship.

The Norfolk, Va.-based USS Mount Whitney will replace the aging USS La Salle next year, according to a Navy officer on the ship who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The Mount Whitney is expected to arrive in Gaeta — halfway between Rome and Naples — early next year and take over duties from La Salle. La Salle then is expected to return to the East Coast and be decommissioned.

Gaeta commanding officer Cmdr. Nannette Roberts was quoted earlier this year in the weekly base newslet-

ter as saying "The Mount Whitney is coming ... and will be converted to a [Military Sealift Command] USNS when she [sic] comes ..."

Roberts later told Stars and Stripes that the statement was just the latest "rumor" for any pending changes.

Naval Forces Europe spokesman Capt. Gordon Hume wouldn't comment on the plans. The transfer of Mount Whitney to the Military Sealift Command would not be unique for a flagship. Last November, the 3rd Fleet flagship, USS Coronado, was decommissioned and transferred to the command.

An article written by sealift commander Vice Adm. David Brewer in December 2003 states that "... MSC has proffered proposals to the Chief of Naval Operations and the fleet to transfer ship operations of command

ships, salvage ships, and submarine tenders to MSC.

"As a proof of concept for MSC ship operations of command ships, the CNO and Commander of Pacific Fleet agreed to transfer the 3rd Fleet command ship, USS Coronado, to MSC in Nov. 2003," wrote Brewer in the on-line version of MSC's Sealift magazine.

The Military Sealift Command also may be looking to absorb the La Maddalena, Italy-based submarine tender USS Emory S. Land into its ranks, Brewer wrote.

"MSC can also operate submarine tenders, essentially providing combat logistics, maintenance and repair services for submarines as we do already for the surface fleets," wrote Brewer in his December 2003 article.

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RAF bases, locals await realignment details



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Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, commander of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, says the realignment of the military overseas may yet reach his command.

BY RON JENSEN

Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — Local governments in eastern England are waiting for details on the troop realignment that may — or may not — affect U.S. Air Force bases in Europe.

"It's a question of the details, which still haven't emerged," said a spokesman for the Suffolk County Council, declining an offer to talk further on the topic.

The county is home to RAF Mildenhall, which is where the 100th Air Refueling Wing is based, and RAF Lakenheath, home of the 48th Fighter Wing. Together, they have about 10,000 active-duty servicemen.

A spokesman for U.S. Air Forces in Europe included in a news report this week that the impact on the command might be slight, which prompted the USAF commander to add Thursday evening, "That doesn't mean there won't be changes."

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong was at RAF Lakenheath to attend an awards ceremony for the Excalibur bombing competition held at the base.

Foglesong said the process should be given time to work. He said USAF has provided European Command with its suggestions. EUCOM will take the entire package to the civilian leadership in the Pentagon, which then will go to the president.

"We need to just be a little patient and let [the Office of the Secretary of Defense] go in with some recommendations," he said. He did not want to speculate on possible changes.

The issue has boiled in the local press since before President Bush made his announcement Monday that he would realign the military footprint in Europe and Asia. Stories have speculated for months about the future of the bases.

"I think any reduction in troops in Suffolk would have

a major effect on the area," Gerald Taylor-Balls told the East Anglian Daily Times this week. He is a parish councillor in Mildenhall.

The paper also reported denials by the Royal Air Force that it was trying to convince the Pentagon not to withdraw the F-15 jets at RAF Lakenheath. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence told the newspaper "it is far too early" to talk about the impact of an American withdrawal.

Foglesong said allies would be consulted and kept informed as the decisions are made regarding the U.S. military presence on this side of the Atlantic Ocean.

"We have too many really good friends over here to not do that," he said.

Local speculation about the future of the bases includes the planned expansion of London Stansted airport 40 miles to the south. A new runway, due to be built by 2011, has met strident opposition and some have wondered if a flight line abandoned by the United States might be a substitute.

But a group leading the fight against the expansion dismissed that possibility Friday morning.

"While there might be a readily available runway, it might not be suitable for commercial air traffic," said Carol Barbone, spokeswoman for Stop Stansted Expansion. "We would not see this as a suitable solution."

Foglesong said the U.S. Air Force presence in Europe is important for a variety of reasons. It provides fast response to humanitarian problems in this part of the world, as well as ready access to combat operations.

Plus, he said, the training with allies is valuable.

"We seldom, if ever, go into an operation by ourselves," he said.

But, he said, the best thing to do is wait for the answers that will come when the time is right.

"I feel comfortable in telling you these are decisions that haven't been made," he said.

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AAFES', NEX's school lunches to rise 10 cents

BY PATRICK DICKSON

Stars and Stripes

For many, the price of a school lunch served in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service overseas school meal program will increase by 10 cents for the coming school year.

The increase, the first in nine years, is needed to cover rising food, labor and transportation costs, according to an AAFES press release.

Middle school and high school meals will climb to \$2.20. Elementary school student meals will go up to \$2.05.

Kristine Sturkie, a spokeswoman at Navy Exchange Service Command, said NEXCOM would follow suit for their locations in Italy and Iceland.

"Our prices will be going up as well, as with AAFES," Sturkie said Friday.

AAFES reviews pricing annually to ensure the program is running on a break-even basis.

The free, reduced price (40 cents) and breakfast meals, which constitute 40 percent of meals served in AAFES school cafeterias, will not be affected.

Cost increases will not affect reduced-price and free-meal programs already in place.

"Reduced prices and free meals are available to those whose families meet USDA income guidelines. The military services and AAFES do not set the criteria," Richard Sheff, AAFES Vice President of the Food and Theater Division said in the release. "Sponsors may purchase coupons for the USDA patterned meals at the AAFES PX/BX main store cashiers window."

AAFES provides school meals to students on Army and Air Force installations in 10 countries throughout Europe and the Pacific. Each year, this program serves about 4.5 million lunches in 136 schools.

At many locations AAFES has implemented an automated school meal payment system.

Parents complete an enrollment application, establish an account and the dependants use a pin number to pay for pattern meals. In addition to USDA pattern meals, AAFES School Cafeterias feature an assortment of healthy menu alternatives.

AAFES School Meal Daily Menus are posted for review at www.aafes.com. In addition, parents and students can forward comments and suggestions on the Web site directly to the AAFES Staff Dietitian, Major John Ruibal.

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Ordnance team blows up suitcase

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — A briefcase mistakenly left behind at the base fire station was blown up Friday morning by an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team.

Security forces closed off a large section of the base for about an hour while the incident was taking

place. Authorities were called in after the silver briefcase was spotted on the outside of the building on a window sill and no one claimed responsibility for it. A robot operated by EOD members blew a hole in the brief case. Everything inside, including a portable DVD player, was destroyed.

Authorities eventually discovered it had been mistakenly left behind by a local national employee.

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Spangdahlem spouses promised support

Networking system, benefits created to help out while troops are deployed for four to six months

BY MARNI MCENTEE

Stars and Stripes

SPANGDAHLEM, Germany — Nearly one-fifth of Spangdahlem's troops are deploying for up to six months in the coming weeks, but base leaders promised Thursday that no family would be left behind.

At a town meeting in the base theater, leaders rolled out a well-organized support system that includes a spouses' network, German contacts in the community, special deals on base services and even a few luxuries such as a spa night and discounted day trips for families of deployed troops.

"No one in our wing goes through this deployment alone," 52nd Fighter Wing Commander Col. David Goldfein said.

Experts also walked families through the mountain of paperwork that must be done before a deployment, such as getting a power of attorney and a will, making sure the vehicle is registered, and registering with the American Red Cross in case of an emergency.

The support system falls under the Combat Care program, meant to give families the care and information they need during all phases of the deployment. Every spouse who attended got a Com-

bat Care button that entitles them to all kinds of benefits, including:

- Going to the front of the line at the post office, base exchange and other facilities.

- Shopping early (9 a.m.) at the commissary.

- Free oil changes up to \$21.95 and a car safety check at Army and Air Force Exchange Service garages.

- Five hours of free child care.

- Payment for some college course fees from the Air Force Aid Society.

- Deployed Family Days at the bowling alley, with half off all games and shoe rental.

- Ten percent discount on repairs at the auto skills center.

- Discount movie rentals.

Squadrons also have volunteers who will help spouses with yard work, minor household repairs and auto repair.

About 1,000 of the wing's airmen are deploying as part of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotation. Most will be gone for four months, but some high-demand troops could go for six months or more.

At the meeting Thursday, Denise Miller, whose husband Master Sgt. Christopher Miller is deploying with the 52nd Maintenance Squadron, said she's gone through the deployment separation a couple of times already.

She only wished more spouses new to Air Force life had been at the meeting.

"They missed a lot of good information," Miller said.

All the information is still out there, though. Spouses can go to the family support center, their spouse's first sergeants, their chaplains and the key spouses — who are clearinghouses for squadron information — at any time. Plus, the family support center will have at least three more briefings next week with smaller groups on base.

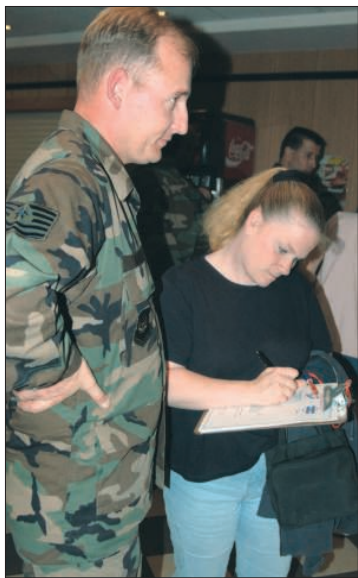
Goldfein said troops who remain at Spangdahlem aren't getting off the hook.

"They'll be working triple duty," to make up for the troops downrange, he said. He'll be monitoring services to maintain the highest standards possible, despite a reduced number of people to do the job, he said.

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Shari Nance fills out a form so she can stay in touch with other spouses when her husband, Tech. Sgt. Randy Nance, left, goes downrange. Nance, of Spangdahlem's 606th Air Control Squadron, is deploying in the next AEF rotation.

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Naples sailor charged with negligent homicide

BY KENDRA HELMER

Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Italian authorities have charged a U.S. sailor with negligent homicide in the Aug. 1 deaths of two Italians in a car accident.

It isn't known when Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason Ellerbe was formally charged, or when a hearing will take place, said Lt. Cmdr. Jacky Fisher, spokeswoman for Naval Support Activity Naples.

The Italian authorities also issued Ellerbe traffic citations for driving under the influence, speeding, and driving without a license for the accident on the Tangenziale, the main highway through Naples.

Italian news reports said the two Italian men, ages 21 and 19 from a Naples suburb, had gotten out of their vehicle in the Camaldoli tunnel at about 5:15 a.m.

News reports differed on whether there was a problem with their vehicle or whether they had been involved in an earlier accident.

It also isn't clear whether Ellerbe's 2004 Volkswagen Jetta hit

the two men, or if his Jetta struck their car and it hit the men. Ellerbe was traveling alone.

Ellerbe, 26, from Washington, D.C., is a master-at-arms with the security department.

He received minor injuries in the accident and was turned over to the base, where he is in U.S. military custody at Capodichino. He is not allowed to leave the base, Fisher said.

"If the Italian authorities request [Ellerbe to be turned over to them], then the U.S. military would do it," she said.

If convicted, Ellerbe faces one to five years in prison.

The incident was the second fatal accident this summer involving a sailor from Naples. On June 12, three Naples sailors were killed and two seriously injured in a fiery car accident.

The U.S. military in Naples has since taken measures to keep sailors off the roads in the early-morning hours on weekends, including running shuttle buses to downtown areas.

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Kerry pushes for life health care

If John Kerry has his way, any veteran who served two years on active duty or, if mobilized, even less, would be rewarded with lifetime access to health care from Department of Veterans Affairs.

That's the logical consequence of Kerry's call for "full, mandatory funding" of veterans health care, if the Democratic presidential nominee is elected and Congress accepts his plan to open VA health care to any veteran.

"What's critical is that people who served their country and want to go to a veterans' hospital will have the ability to choose to do so," said Kerry, in a Wednesday phone interview with his address to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Cincinnati.

The Bush administration opposes mandatory funding of VA health care. It would require Congress to finance VA health care to a level sufficient to cover medical needs of all enrollees, using a per capita cost formula.

Mandatory funding, in effect, would put teeth into the Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 which first authorized the opening of VA health care to any veteran. But Congress did not fund open access. Instead it gave the VA secretary authority to control access in order to stay on budget.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates the added cost of mandatory VA health funding at \$30 billion in fiscal 2005 and more than \$165 billion from 2005 through 2008. That assumes many more veterans will enroll upon learning that VA funding is assured. Current enrollment is 7 million veterans but only 5.2 million were expected to receive care in 2004.

As conceived by Kerry and congressional Democrats, mandatory funding also would remove barriers to enrollment, which would mean reversing a decision by VA Secretary Anthony Principi in January 2003 to suspend enrollment of Category 8 veterans — those with income or total worth above poverty level and no service-connected injuries or ailments.

Principi said not only would mandatory funding add many billions of dollars to VA health care costs but it would dampen VA and congressional oversight of

health care spending by relying on a formula.

"We have a responsibility to the American people to... be efficient, effective and to provide high-quality care," said Principi. Principi said mandatory funding could change the VA from a provider of health care to a "payer" for health care, and bring "serious unintended consequences."

VA already "vouchers out" a rising portion of care because VA hospitals and clinics can't meet demand. Mandatory funding would accelerate this growth, though contracting for care is preferred to building more hospitals and clinics which, by 2020, could be deemed excess as veterans from World War II and Korea pass on.

Principi's concern is that as more care is contracted out, the VA could begin to look like any national health care system, and pressure would mount to merge, perhaps with Medicare. If that happened, he said, the uniqueness of VA health care, from expertise in treating spinal cord injuries to vast experience with posttraumatic stress disorder, could be lost.

Kerry, in his VFW speech, promised to "lead the fight" for mandatory funding, referring to 500,000 veterans denied enrollment from the ban on accepting more Category 8 veterans. Later, in his brief conversation, Kerry didn't talk at the prospect of lifetime care going to veterans with little time in service and no exposure to combat or service-connected ailments.

"I have a plan that's going to provide health care to 97 percent of Americans within three years of the passage of the bill," said Kerry. "So it is absolutely logical that veterans should be a priority within that structure."

In his speech, he criticized Bush administration proposals to collect a \$250 annual health care enrollment fee for veterans with no service-connected conditions and above-poverty incomes, and to increase their co-payments on VA-provided drugs, from \$7 up to \$15 for a 30-day supply.

Principi defended the proposed enrollment fee and higher co-payments, calling them reasonable cost-control initiatives.

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MILITARY UPDATE

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Bombing and bonding in Britain

Squadrons gather at RAF Lakenheath for Excalibur competition

By Ron Jensen

Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENEATH, England — The tone for the Excalibur bombing competition awards ceremony Thursday was set when Brig. Gen. Mark T. Matthews, who commands the F-15s of the 48th Fighter Wing, introduced his boss.

He made a joke at the expense of the F-15 Falcon, which happens to be the airplane flown and loved by Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

As Foglesong took the microphone, he deadpanned, "Thank you, Lt. Matthews."

The entire awards ceremony, held at the Eagles' Landing officers club at RAF Lakenheath, was a festival of jokes and good-natured ribbing from guys known by names such as Smokin' and Tater.

This seemed to please Foglesong, who said the competition, which he decided to resurrect barely two months ago, was as much about bonding as bombing.

"This ought to be a fun thing," he said before the ceremony, which ended the two-day affair.

Squadrons from Aviano Air Base, Italy and Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, joined with those from RAF Lakenheath, and two from the Royal Air Force to test their skills against each other at two training ranges in England. They were judged on accuracy, but also how well they stayed within given parameters as they dropped dummy bombs on a target.

The Top Gun crew was Capt. Ben "Thor" Heslin and 1st Lt. Mike "Trapper" Kelly from the 492nd Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath. The top wing was the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano, and the top flight was from the 510th Fighter Squadron at Aviano.

But Foglesong said everyone in the room was a winner in his eyes.

"This should be about aviators getting together with their maintainers and doing what we do best," he said from the podium in Eagles' Landing.

Before the ceremony, he said in an interview that the event was also good training.

"It's not war, but it's not every day training, either," he said.



RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

Capt. Ben Heslin, an F-15E Strike Eagle pilot with the 492nd Fighter Squadron at RAF Lakenheath, England, accepts an award for his performance in the Excalibur bombing competition Thursday from Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong.

"It's bumped up the adrenaline."

After the ceremony, Heslin, who is a pilot of an F-15E Strike Eagle, said, "It's something we took seriously."

But, he said, the best part of the event might be the chance for fighter pilots from various squadrons throughout USAF to meet and exchange ideas and experiences.

Maj. Clinton Mixon, chief of F-15 programs for USAF,

agreed.

"That is a big part of it," he said. "Even though we are one command, we are geographically separated."

Foglesong's hope is that the competition will become a staple in the USAF schedule and will include aircraft from various European allies.

"Next year, we hope to expand the envelope a little more," he said.

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IN THE WORLD

Bombs target election workers in Afghanistan

BY NOOR KHAN

The Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A series of bombs went off at a U.N. voter registration office in western Afghanistan, injuring six Afghan police, setting vehicles ablaze and shattering windows, police and the United Nations said Friday, the latest in a string of attacks targeting election workers.

The blasts occurred at 8 p.m. Thursday at a voter registration site in Farah City, near the border with Iran and 465 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul, said Mohammed Rasool Khan, the deputy police chief for the province.

U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva said there were six explosions in all. He said there were three international U.N. staffers at the site at the time, and none were injured.

The U.N. staffers had finished most voter registration work in the province and were to be moved to Herat, the province directly north of Farah.

"There were no casualties [to U.N. workers], but there was damage to the building and some vehicles," de Almeida e Silva said.

"This confirms the concerns we have re-

garding security for the electoral process," he said, adding that the United Nations welcomed a decision by NATO to beef up its peacekeeping force ahead of the Oct. 9 vote.

"The sooner they get here the better," de Almeida e Silva said.

Khan said one bomb went off at the perimeter of the site, near a group of Afghan police who were standing guard.

Six injured police were being treated at a hospital in the city, some with serious injuries.

The other blast went off inside the compound, damaging five vehicles and blowing out several windows.

Police have detained four security guards, two Afghans working for the United Nations, and a U.N. security guard for questioning.

It was unclear who was behind the attack.

Taliban militants have been blamed for a series of attacks on workers preparing the country for its first presidential vote.

A series of election workers and civilians have been killed in the attacks.

Still, U.N. officials say some violence in



Afghan National Army soldiers arrive at Shindand Airport in Herat province, about 370 miles west of Kabul, Afghanistan. The government sent U.S.-trained troops to western Afghanistan to bolster security for national elections.

Farah and other provinces has been over drug-smuggling and other turf wars.

In other violence, militants attacked a police post in central Ghazni province, killing one officer and injuring two others, state television reported Friday.

Three militants and a civilian caught in the crossfire also died in the fighting Thursday in Rahman, a village 100 miles south of Kabul.

Associated Press correspondent Paul Haven in Kabul, Afghanistan contributed to this report.

Japan military suffering high suicide rate

BY AIKO HAYASHI

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Suicides are surging this year among Japan's increasingly active military and have hit a record pace that outstrips the national rate, the Defense Agency said.

In the first four months of this fiscal year, which began in April, 31 members of the Self-Defense Forces killed themselves, a spokesperson for the Defense Agency said Thursday.

If the trend continues, the military would suffer 93 suicides for the year, with an annual rate of 39 suicides per 100,000 soldiers — far above the rate of 27 suicides per 100,000 reported in fiscal 2003 in the general population.

The highest number of suicides among Japanese soldiers in one year so far was 78 in 2002. The Self-Defense Forces has 235,899 members.

Suicides in Japan in general hit an all-time high last year at 34,427, the National Police Agency said last month. The trend was blamed on health and financial troubles.

The increase in military suicides comes as Japan has deployed troops on a humanitarian mission to Iraq, the first time Japanese soldiers have gone to a combat zone since the end of World War II.

The Defense Agency spokesperson refused to comment on the reasons for the increase or release details such as the locations of the deaths.

U.N. tribunal seeking to get Milosevic trial back on track

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH

The Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Slobodan Milosevic spent another birthday in U.N. custody Friday, his war crimes trial at a standstill because of his fragile health and his judges facing a critical dilemma on how to proceed.

Should they allow the former Yugoslav president to continue defending himself, despite months of delays? Or should they impose a defense lawyer against his will? The ruling, possibly later this month, not only marks a crucial juncture in the Milosevic case, but could set a precedent for other international trials, such as former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's, experts say.

Two and a half years and 296 witnesses on, Milosevic's trial hasn't yet reached the halfway mark. It has been six months since the court handed the substance of the case — 66 counts of war crimes stemming from the Balkan wars of the 1990s, including genocide for the July 1995 Srebrenica massacre of Bosnian Muslims.

Since February, when the prosecution ended its case, the tribunal has held several hearings only on Milosevic's health problems and has postponed the start of the defense case five times. It is now scheduled to begin Aug. 31.

Milosevic's lawyer, Borislav, told the Serbian daily Vечernje Novosti last week his brother is feeling better and hopes the trial will resume as planned.

"Mr. Milosevic has been waiting for three years to be given the opportunity to present his case before the court, to bring his witnesses to the stand as well as to present the defense evidence," his Belgrade legal assistant, Zdenko Tomanovic, told The Associated Press. "Mr. Milosevic will himself certainly refuse to accept any defense counsel."

Milosevic, who turned 63, received birthday greetings from his Socialist Party on Thursday, which wished him victory against The Hague tribunal "in

the interest of the Serb people." He no longer has family visits, since both his wife Mirjana and son Marko have become fugitives from Serbian authorities, and are believed hiding in Russia.

Though he rejects the legitimacy of the U.N. tribunal, Milosevic has spent months preparing his defense. So far, he has been too sick to present it.

Although he has not often appeared ill during his vigorous courtroom questioning of witnesses, Milosevic's doctors say he is suffering the effects of high blood pressure which put him at risk of a heart attack, especially when fatigued or stressed.

The three judges are debating a complete overhaul of the case and have ordered a series of medical examinations to determine if he is physically fit to conduct his defense — or even to stand trial.

One course of action under consideration is to split the trial into three separate cases — Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo — to increase the likelihood that at least one can be completed.

Milosevic's supporters and legal assistants insist the court must uphold the right of self defense, regardless of the possible scheduling setbacks. But international law experts argued the tribunal already has accommodated Milosevic too greatly, and must now impose a lawyer who can put proceedings back on track.

The most likely candidate is Steven Kay, appointed as an observer "friend of the court" to ensure fair proceedings. Kay co-authored a submission to the trial chamber earlier this month warning that forcing Milosevic to work with a lawyer could backfire.

"The imposition of unwanted counsel upon an unwilling defendant who refuses to cooperate may in fact lead to increased stress for the defendant who continues to assert his right to self-representation," the Aug. 6 brief said.

He must be free to choose self-representation "even if he knowingly risks his own health in the process. That choice cannot be taken from him," it said.

Not so, say several renowned international law and war crimes experts. "There is no question but that the judges in the Milosevic case should now impose defense counsel," said Robert Schab, director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

24-hour Eurostar strike

LONDON — Workers at Eurostar will stage a 24-hour strike during this month's three-day public holiday in Britain as part of a row over pay, the Rail and Maritime and Transport union said Friday.

The union announced the strike for Aug. 28, at the start of the bank holiday weekend. It is seeking equal pay for customer service agents and transport staff at Eurostar's Ashford terminal in Kent, who it says earn \$7,200 at London's central Waterloo station.

It is also starting to what it claims are low operating salaries for other staff at the company.

Collection for sale

BERLIN — Some 170 items that belonged to Erich Mielke, the longtime head of former East Germany's secret police, are going on auction, including dozens of medals for his service in the cause of Communism and a portrait of the Soviet KGB's founder.

Auctioneer Carsten Zeige said he hopes the collection will fetch Hamburg.

Mielke, who the led the dreaded Stasi secret police for three decades until the Berlin Wall fell, died in 2000 at age 92.

Near-miss in skies

LISBON, Portugal — A TAP Air Portugal jetliner dived sharply to avoid an air collision with a smaller aircraft near the Azores Islands on Friday, injuring 31 passengers and two crew, the company said.

None of the injuries was said to be serious.

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Kennedy grounded by terror list confusion

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A top Homeland Security official has apologized to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who was stopped at airports because a name similar to his appeared on a watch list of people considered dangers to fly.

The Massachusetts Democrat said he was stopped by airline personnel five times as he tried to get on US Airways shuttles between Washington and Boston.

"If they have that kind of difficulty with a member of Congress, how in the world are average Americans, who are getting caught up in this thing, how are they going to be treated fairly and not have their rights abused?" Kennedy asked Homeland Security undersecretary Asa Hutchinson at a hearing Thursday.

Hutchinson, who apologized for any inconvenience to the senator, testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on the

Senator stopped in airports because of similar name on watch list

need for the federal government to take over the watch lists, which are currently administered by the airlines.

Another prominent Democratic member of Congress, Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, said Friday that he also has been singled out for extra scrutiny when he flies because someone on a watch list has the same name. Lewis said he can't get an electronic ticket, must show extra identification and has his luggage checked by hand.

Lewis said one airline representative in Atlanta told him, "Once you're on the list, there's no way to get off it." Lewis said he



Kennedy

filed a complaint with the Department of Homeland Security and even considered a lawsuit.

This week, Lewis got a call from another John Lewis — a faculty member at the University of Houston — who told him he also had encountered problems at airports because of his name.

"It's weird," the professor said. "But I like being classed with Ted Kennedy and the congressman. It makes me feel more important."

Kennedy said he was stopped at airports in Washington, D.C., and Boston three times in March. Airline agents told him he would not be sold a ticket because his name was on a list.

When he asked the agent why, he was told, "We can't tell you."

Each time, a supervisor recognized Kennedy and got him on the flight. But after the third incident, Kennedy's staff

called the Transportation Security Administration and asked to clear up the confusion.

The TSA said a name similar to Kennedy's was on the watch list, and that he was later flagged to go through additional screening.

TSA also said that the airlines didn't handle the matter properly.

But twice after contacting TSA, Kennedy was stopped again at the airline counter.

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed lawsuits in San Francisco and Seattle over this issue, demanding that the government explain how wrongly flagged travelers can get off the lists.

Hutchinson said that people who experience problems can call the TSA ombudsman to clear things up.

Associated Press writer Jeffrey McMurtry contributed to this story.

Trio of suspected Hamas members indicted by U.S. for raising terror funds

BY TED BRIDIS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Hamas leader and two other suspected members of the Palestinian militant group were indicted on charges they participated in a lengthy racketeering conspiracy to provide money for terrorist acts in Israel, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Friday.

The three activists allegedly used bank accounts in the United States to launder millions of dollars to support Hamas, which the U.S. government has designated as a terrorist organization. The indictment against the three, filed in Chicago, was unsealed Friday.

The activists include Moussa Mohammed Abu Marzook, formerly chief and now deputy chief of the Hamas political bureau. Abu Marzook is believed to be living in Damascus, Syria, and is considered a fugitive. Ashcroft told a news conference at the Justice Department.

The two others — Muhammad Hamid Khalil Salah of Chicago and Abdelhaleem Hassan Abdelraziz Ashgar of Alexandria, Va. — were arrested late Thursday night and once worked as an substitute teacher in Chicago public schools.

The lawyer for Ashgar, Ashraf Nubani, called the indictment "politically motivated." He noted that Ashgar already was under home arrest stemming from an earlier indictment on charges of obstruction of justice and said Ashgar has appeared at every required

court hearing.

Federal prosecutor Neil Hammerstrom said the latest indictment includes charges "far more serious" against Ashgar than he originally had faced.

It was the second major Hamas-related indictment announced by the Justice Department in the past month.

The three were charged with racketeering conspiracy for allegedly joining with 20 others since at least 1988 to conduct business

for Hamas, which the government said included conspiracies to commit murder, kidnapping, passport fraud and other crimes.

Hamas has been blamed for dozens of suicide bombings in Israel.

Ashcroft said the three men "allegedly ran a U.S.-based terrorist and financing cell" associated with Hamas.

They "were indicted for their roles in 15-year racketing conspiracy in the U.S. and abroad. The cell allegedly financed the activities of a terrorist organization that was murdering innocent victims including American citizens," he said.

He said the three played "a substantial role in financing and supporting international terrorism."

The U.S.-educated Abu Marzook holds a Ph.D. in industrial engineering and lived in the United States for 15 years, in Louisiana and Virginia. In 1995, he was detained by U.S. authorities on suspicion of involvement in terrorism. He was expelled to Jordan, and later sent by Jordan to Syria.



Flames shoot up Friday at natural gas storage facility in Moss Bluff, Texas. An explosion rocked an underground gas storage facility early Friday, forcing authorities to expand the number of people evacuated from around the blaze that continued burning a day after an initial blast triggered by leaking gas.

Second Texas gas blast leads to expanded evacuation

The Associated Press

MOSS BLUFF, Texas — A second explosion in less than 24 hours rocked a burning underground gas storage facility burn itself out, a process they said would take several days. The explosion was blamed on leaking gas.

The fire at Duke Energy's Moss Bluff natural gas facility intensified overnight, an official said. The second explosion was reported at

1:15 a.m. and was seen as far as 20 miles away, witnesses said.

No injuries were reported.

Authorities had decided to let the fire ignited in the first explosion Thursday burn itself out, a process they said would take several days. The explosion was blamed on leaking gas.

The second explosion Friday morning happened because the fire caused a valve to give way on

top of the storage cavern, said Danny Gibbs, a spokesman for Charlotte, N.C.-based Duke Energy.

Everyone within a three-mile radius of the facility was being evacuated, and additional shelters were being set up, authorities said.

Authorities called in experts at capping blown-out wells to examine how to cool down and control the fire.

Bush spends big in July

WASHINGTON — A fresh wave of ads pushed President Bush's spending to nearly \$46 million for July, the Republican's highest level since he launched the first ad blitz of his re-election campaign in March, a campaign finance report filed Friday shows.

About \$38 million of Bush's July spending went to admaking. Ads have been Bush's single biggest campaign expense, accounting for roughly \$116 million of his campaign's \$209 million in spending.

Mailings and related costs accounted for at least \$30 million, followed by staff, consultants and related costs, at least \$16 million.

The Bush campaign raised \$14 million in July, about as much as it has been taking in each month

since it stopped holding fund-raising events in April.

Bush took in a record \$242 million from the official start of his campaign in May 2003 through last month. He started August with \$325 million left and about \$458,000 in bills to pay.

As Democratic rival John Kerry did, Bush is expected to accept \$75 million in full government financing for his general-election campaign. That means once he is nominated by his party, he can no longer spend private donations on campaign expenses, though he can continue raising them to cover legal and accounting costs.

Kerry was expected to file his monthly report to the Federal Election Commission later Friday. His campaign has said he raised more than \$203 million as of July 20.

From The Associated Press

Veterinarians help fuzziest victims of Hurricane Charley

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON
The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Animal rescue after Hurricane Charley hasn't just been a matter of helping storm victims with their dogs and cats. Far from it.

Since teams of animal disaster specialists began arriving here Sunday, they've had their hands full with calls involving lions, goats, parrots and macaws, a days-old squirrel, baby raccoons, cows, horses, a ferret, llamas and cobras.

"A to Z," said Laura Bevan, director of The Humane Society's southeast regional office in Tallahassee. "If we haven't seen it yet, we'll probably see it before we leave."

That's on top of the dozens of dogs and cats that have been brought in for care or a temporary home. Hundreds have been sent to shelters in counties outside the disaster area and if not reunited with their owners will be put up for adoption.

Bevan is among 100 people taking part in the animal emergency response, which includes local, state and federal help.

People are driving through neighborhoods trying to find pet owners in need, delivering pet food, making rescue calls, providing emergency veterinary and kennel services and setting up three stations to take in and provide care for animals.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has even



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Melissa Forberg of Defunkia Springs, Fla., left, assists veterinarian Welch Agnew of the Pinellas County Animal Services with a stray puppy. The dog was dropped off at the animal rescue facility on Tuesday afternoon in Punta Gorda, Fla. The facility takes in animals that were found wandering after Hurricane Charley.

brought in 35 veterinarians from as far away as Ohio, Utah, Oklahoma and elsewhere to treat animals in the 25 counties declared federal disaster areas.

At a compound set up next to a baseball field, Lloyd Brown held up a 2-month-old raccoon rescued after Charley hit Friday and fed it through a syringe. The tiny raccoon lapped at the milky liquid with its paws spread out and eyes like black BBs staring at Brown.

Brown put it in a crate with its sibling, then picked up a hairless animal with a tiny tail and bulging eyes, lids still shut tight. It was smaller than Brown's pinky and not easily recognizable to a non-animal expert.

"You didn't get enough, huh?" Brown said when the squirrel squirmed for more food. It was born right around the same time Charley struck.

Just after he finished feeding the wild animals, a group that also includes two small doves, Brown jumped in his truck to respond to a call seeking help for dozens of birds.

He arrived at the home of Rich Naegeli, who was the first zoo director at Busch Gardens in Tampa. He found 60 exotic birds, from parrots and macaws to a pair of rare Australian slender bill corellas — white with orange necks.

Naegeli and his wife, Dolly, didn't want the animals removed from the property, but they needed help. Their electricity has been out for four days and they can't pump water from their well for the animals — or for themselves and their daughter and grandson.

Brown tried and failed to hook the roaring generator up to the water pump as the parrots and macaws screeched loudly. He offered

advice on finding an electrician, saying that would be the best solution.

"If you don't get the pump working, let us know and we'll get you water," Brown said. Kip Rhoten rode out Charley in his bathroom with his two dogs, Storm and Thunder. Storm howled as the winds whooshed outside and Thunder panted heavily. All survived in good shape and Rhoten's house made it through with only minor damage.

But the day after the storm, the dogs were in the backyard while Rhoten was away and someone came by and opened the gates. He was at the station seeking help finding them. A volunteer took down descriptions of the dogs and offered to help print and distribute fliers.

"I keep my fingers crossed," Rhoten said, adding that he would have rather have had more of his home damaged than lose his dogs.

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Reporters found in contempt in Wen Ho Lee litigation case

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A judge's decision to punish five reporters for refusing to identify their sources for stories about nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee threatens to chill vital newsgathering at a time of increased government secrecy, advocates say.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson on Wednesday held the reporters in contempt and fined each of them \$500 a day until they reveal their source. He said the information was needed for Lee, a former nuclear weapons scientist once suspected of spying, to litigate his privacy lawsuit against government officials. Jackson said the fines would be suspended pending appeals.

Attorneys for the journalists said they would appeal.

It is the second time in two weeks that a federal judge in Washington has found journalists in contempt of court after they declined to disclose sources. Last

week, a Time magazine reporter was held in contempt as part of a grand jury probe into the leak of an undercover CIA officer's identity.

"The threat to First Amendment rights that's going on this summer is unprecedented," Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press, said. "We have reporters being subpoenaed. We have judges issuing illegal prior restraints on the media."

Jackson imposed the fine on Associated Press reporter H. Josef Hebert; James Risen and Jeff Gerth of The New York Times; Robert Drogos of the Los Angeles Times; and Pierre Thomas of ABC, who was at CNN when the stories were done.

Jackson avoided addressing the question of First Amendment rights, focusing more narrowly on whether the reporters complied with his October order to fully answer questions in depositions about their sources. He found they did not.

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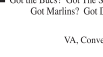
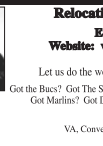
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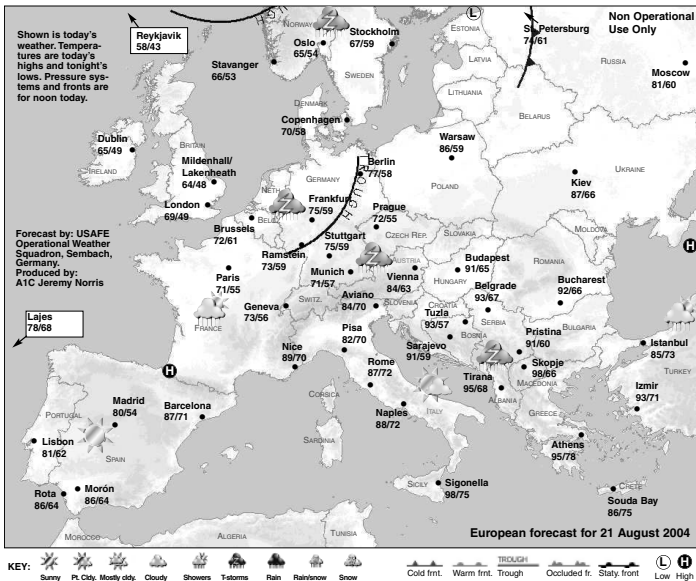
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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Mostly cloudy skies with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low to mid 70's, with morning lows in the low 50's.

Britain/Ireland: Partly to mostly cloudy skies. High temperatures in the mid to upper 60's, lows in the upper 40's.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly becoming mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. High's in the lower 90's, lows will be in the upper 50's.

France: Partly cloudy to mostly skies with isolated showers. High will be in the low 70's to upper 80's with lows in the mid 50's.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms and rain showers. High's will be in the mid 70's and lows will be in the upper 50's.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy skies with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. High's in the low to mid 70's, lows in the upper 50's.

Hungary: Mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms. High will be in the low 90's and lows in the mid 60's.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms. High's in the low to mid 60's with lows in the low 70's.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy skies. High's in the upper 80's with lows in the mid 70's.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms and rain showers. High's in the low 90's with lows in the low 60's.

Norway: Mostly cloudy skies with thunderstorms and rain showers. High's in the mid 60's with lows in the mid 50's.

Portugal, Spain: Sunny skies. High's in the low to mid 80's, lows in the mid 50 to low 70's.

Turkey: Partly cloudy with thunderstorms in the north and central regions. High's in the mid 80's to low 90's with lows in the low 70's.

KEY: Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Mostly Cloudy, Cloudy, Showers, Thunder, Rain, Rain/Snow, Snow

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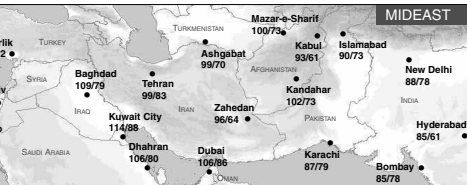
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Cape Town	67	47	Mogadishu	85	75
Dakar	89	73	Nairobi	78	56
Freetown	81	74	Rabat	80	64
Antananarivo	86	67	Tripoli	84	74

THE WORLD

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Amsterdam	71	56	Manila	87	79
Batavia	107	85	Mexico City	73	56
Beijing	85	67	Montreal	76	53
Bombay	87	78	Riyadh	109	86
Buenos Aires	86	77	Rio de Jan	81	66
Calcutta	83	65	Sao Paulo	85	73
Hankow	84	67	Sofia	81	64
Hong Kong	82	63	Sydney	85	61
London	81	62	Tokyo	94	76

TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

	HI	LO		HI	LO
Alabama	88	70	Colorado	70	51
Alaska	73	51	Connecticut	81	63
Arizona	73	51	Delaware	81	63
Arkansas	85	63	Florida	81	63
California	78	57	Georgia	81	63
Colorado	83	60	Idaho	81	63
Connecticut	81	63	Illinois	81	63
Delaware	81	63	Indiana	81	63
District of Columbia	81	63	Iowa	81	63
Florida	81	63	Kansas	81	63
Georgia	81	63	Kentucky	81	63
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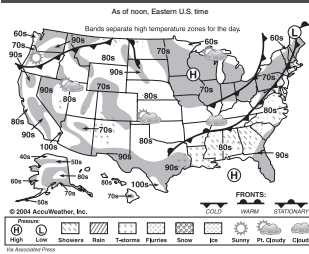


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SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	6:30	6:31
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	6:25	6:26
Sunset (Baghdad)	7:41	7:40
Sunset (Frankfurt)	8:31	8:29

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Criminals ante up

CT HARTFORD — Judges told lawmakers at a hearing they're imposing higher bonds because they believe some bondsmen are offering special deals to accused criminals who plan to forfeit their bail and avoid court appearances. Some black and Hispanic lawmakers said they're worried that poor minorities are spending extra time in jail because they can't afford a bondsman's services.

Education grants

DC WASHINGTON — Congress is offering up to five grants of \$1 million to charter schools willing to locate in troubled areas of the city. Census figures show families often move to suburban Virginia or Maryland to find successful schools for their children, said Sen. Mark Landrieu, D-La. She said the goal is to bring more quality schools to D.C.

Rocky Flats dispute

CO DENVER — State and federal agencies are asking to see the sealed files of a grand jury that investigated alleged environmental crimes at the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant after an advocacy group said cleanup plans for the site were dangerously incomplete.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will request the files from U.S. Attorney John Suthers, spokesmen for the agencies said Thursday.

Sibling summer camp

ME WATERFORD — Maine is known for its many summer camps, but there's only one like Camp to Belong, which reunites siblings who've been separated and placed in foster homes.

The camp, operated by the Maine Health and Human Services Department, features traditional activities like hiking, kayaking and water-skiing. Campers also make scrapbooks, travel pillows and keepsakes for their siblings.

"We feel lucky to have this opportunity," said 16-year-old Ashtia Mercer, who has been living in a foster home in Brownville while her sister, Heather Flagg, 12, lives in Auburn.

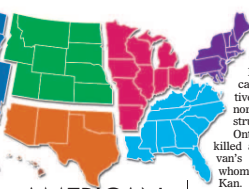
Dangerous waste rock

NM QUESTA — Molycorp mining company began stabilizing a giant pile of waste rock from the company's molybdenum mine.

Experts said the waste could threaten Questa if it collapsed in heavy rain. The work was ordered by the state and is slated to be finished next summer. It involves removing 1 million cubic yards of waste from the top of the 450- to 600-foot pile.

Lying lawyer

AL HUNTSVILLE — A judge sentenced a former Franklin County district attorney to six months in federal prison for lying about what prosecutors said was a scheme to extort money from defendants in criminal cases. Prosecu-



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utors said John Pilati, 38, recommended reduced charges or lighter sentences for people who agreed to pay his office. The money went into an account used mainly for office expenses but also provided a monthly stipend and new car for Pilati.

Check before you roll

PA MOUNT HOLLY SPRINGS — A man accused of handing a bank teller a note demanding money written on one of his own checks will be tried in Cumberland County Court on charges in the Aug. 12 robbery, a district justice ruled.

The teller identified Gerald Rohrer Jr., 32, of Neville, in court Wednesday as the man who handed her the note at the M&T Bank in South Middleton Township and left with \$500.

Police arrested Rohrer after tracing the check and said he confessed, telling investigators he spent most of the money buying crack cocaine.

Tragic accident

TX ANSON — Five people, including three children, were killed after an 18-year-old driver lost control of her car in West Texas and plowed into their van.

Sara Ontiveros was driving south on U.S. 83 at a high rate of

speed Sunday when she lost control of her car around a curve, said Amy Stewart, a Texas Department of Public Safety communications operator. Ontiveros' car veered into the northbound lane and struck the van.

Two-year-old Jaclyn Soliz, who was riding in Ontiveros' car, was in fair condition Monday at the hospital, Brown said.

Go to class for cash

MO KANSAS CITY — Kids who hit the books this summer in Kansas will soon be able to hit the mall with some extra spending money.

Students who maintained at least a C average in summer school will receive Visa gift cards this week, along with those who rarely or never missed a day of school. The gift cards are valued as high as \$150.

Some education experts are skeptical of the incentive program, but the district has seen summer school enrollment rise, attendance improve and state funding increase.

River recordings

TN MEMPHIS — State transportation officials are mounting 25 video cameras on the two Mississippi River bridges that carry interstate highway traffic between Memphis and Clarksville. The \$5 million project aims to improve safety. At least nine people have been killed on the I-40 bridge since 1997 in crashes involving stalled vehicles.

Primary protest

IN EAST CHICAGO — Mayor Robert Patrick asked the Indiana Supreme Court for a rehearing on its decision ordering a new Democratic mayoral primary. Patrick won the May 2003 primary by 278 votes and then easily won the general election. The Supreme Court on Aug. 6 ordered a new election, saying the primary was rife with corruption.

Screwy switch

NV LAS VEGAS — It was not a terrorist plot aimed at frustrating motorists into stomping on their keyless-entry remote devices or ripping car alarms from their vehicles.

It was not sunspots playing havoc with atmospheric conditions, nor Las Vegas' blistering climate nor even little green men from Mars — though some pondered that the failure of the devices that lock and unlock car doors from a distance could have been caused by extraterrestrials.

Nope. The problem turned out to be just a broken switch.

A team including two Michigan-based Ford Motor Co. engineers came to Las Vegas this month to find what caused the domino-size devices used by thousands of people in the area to stop working in February and sporadically since then. They found the source in a faulty radio signal repeater atop a mountain.



Concrete art

Alina Kurkina of Boston works on a chalk art creation on the sidewalk outside FleetBoston Financial headquarters in Boston.



A brain on wheels

Spencer Tofts, 10, rides his bicycle around a cul-de-sac at his subdivision in North Star, Del. By next spring, Spencer will have polished off the highest advanced placement calculus and physics courses through his at-home, long-distance learning program that is headquartered at Johns Hopkins University.



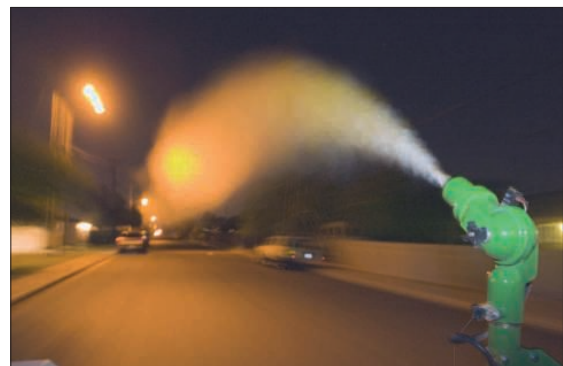
Piggy race

Two pigs make their way around the second corner of the Swifty Swine pig races at the 165th Erie County Fair in Hamburg, N.Y.



Big 'Fat' dog

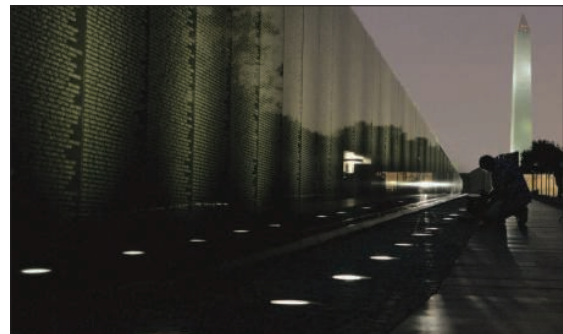
Darrell Butler of Eatontown, N.J., poses at the R.U. Grill and Pizza in New Brunswick, N.J. with a "Fat Darrell," a sandwich he created when he was at Rutgers University in 1997.



Industrial bug spray A Maricopa County Vector Control truck, driven by Bob Battaglia, sprays for mosquitoes in Glendale, Ariz. Hot and dry, Phoenix seems an unlikely spot for this year's West Nile virus epicenter, yet federal health officials say Arizona is the only state where the mosquito-borne virus is an epidemic.



Friendly fizz Brendan Prost, 7, of St. Louis, Mo., holds a bottle of Fitz's Root Beer for his sister as his family waits in the Capitol Hill office of Sen. Jim Talent, R-Mo.



Illuminating heroes A new \$1 million lighting system illuminates the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington. In the background is the Washington Monument.

Record-breaking melon

AK ANCHORAGE — An Alaska gardener has done the seemingly impossible: growing a record-breaking cantaloupe, a fruit that craves heat and founders in rain.

In a season marked by hotter and drier weather than usual, Scott Robb has produced a 64.8-pound muskmelon — an unofficial world record. He plans to enter the colossal fruit in the Alaska State Fair in Palmer next week.

Growing a mammoth melon in Alaska is virtually unheard of. The current world-record cantaloupe belongs to a grower in the loamy, sun-baked fields of North Carolina. So did the record before that.

The official weight of Robb's melon came in 1.3 pounds over the current record. Guinness World Records still needs to certify it, a process that can take up to six months.

Not-so-funny Silly String

CA LOS ANGELES — Banning Silly String in Times Square on Halloween? It's a proposal that to some seems almost too silly for words.

The City Council considers the issue no laughing matter, however, and on Tuesday gave preliminary approval to an ordinance banning the discharge of the gooey aerosol string in Hollywood on Oct. 31.

"I know we may think this is silly, but it is not silly to the storm drain system of Los Angeles, or to the ultimate destination, the ocean," said Councilman Tom LaBonge, whose district includes Hollywood.

The council voted 10-0 to approve the ordinance, but another vote is required before it can take effect.

Boxing champ stabbed

TX SAN ANTONIO — A boxing champion from South Texas was found stabbed to death on Monday, police said.

Robert Quiroga, 34, was pronounced dead Monday morning at University Hospital in San Antonio.

A passer-by on Interstate 10 flagged down an officer, who found Quiroga lying next to his car, San Antonio police spokesman Sgt. Gabe Trevino said.

Quiroga, nicknamed "Pikin," or little hot pepper, for his scrappiness in the ring, was the first San Antonio boxer to win a major world title.

He beat Juan Polo-Perez in 1990 in England, winning the International Boxing Federation super flyweight title.

Take keys, then arrest

PA ATHENS — Two officers learned a valuable lesson this week: Always take the keys from your patrol car.

Athens Township police officers Thomas J. Vanfleet Jr. and Nathan Ross said they pulled over Jeremy Jacob Friedlander, 21, on Monday night because his Jeep had improperly installed lights and because the license plate was obstructed.

Friedlander told the officers he had a rifle between the front seats and the officers sat him at the rear of the police cruiser while they

searched the Jeep. Friedlander then allegedly jumped through the passenger's door and into the driver's seat, where he started the car and pulled away.

Vanfleet managed to get partly into the vehicle and struggled with Friedlander as he drove off, eventually shifting the car into park and pulling the keys from the ignition.

Phone number mix-up

WV CHARLESTON — About 2,000 Verizon telephone numbers assigned to people who did not want their numbers in phone books were published by accident.

The error, which involved customers in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., affected only customers who allowed their numbers to be given out by directory assistance operators.

Customers who did not want their numbers available either in phone books or directory assistance were not affected, said Verizon spokesman Harry Mitchell.

The mistake was discovered by a customer who complained.

"After an internal quality review, we discovered that some non-listed phone numbers were printed in our Verizon SuperPages directories and some of the listings were purchased by other directory publishers," Mitchell said.

For all the marble

PA HARRISBURG — It's an auction for all the marble. Tons of marble slabs that formerly adorned the Dauphin County Courthouse will be sold next Friday to the highest bidder.

About 20 pallets are piled waist-high with different sized panels weighing about 400 pounds each. Most were used on a 20-foot wall that enclosed part of the old air conditioning system, and were replaced in a renovation.

"Build a building now and there is no way you could use that type of material" because of the cost, said Edgar Cohen, the county's director of buildings and grounds.

Cohen said the county will keep a few pallets of marble for repairs and auction the rest. He will oversee the bidding.

Energy on the ballot

CO DENVER — Colorado voters will decide this November whether to require local power companies to use renewable energy, state officials said. The measure would require utilities with at least 40,000 customers to produce 10 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2015. The change would produce 4,000 jobs and \$1.7 billion in capital investment, an environmental group said.

Prison safety concerns

IA DES MOINES — Lawmakers touring state prison facilities said they're concerned that possible layoffs could affect prison safety. Budget cuts led Gov. Tom Vilsack to approve cutting up to 89 jobs in the corrections department, which includes nine prisons. A final decision on the layoffs is expected soon.

Stories and photos from wire services

Final farewell



AP

A florist sets a bouquet of flowers to honor film composer Elmer Bernstein on his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Thursday in Los Angeles. Bernstein, whose prolific career spanned seven decades and earned him 14 Academy Award nominations, an Oscar win and an Emmy Award, died in his sleep at his Ojai, Calif., home Wednesday, said his publicist. He was 82.

Summer movies use natural fear

BY REBECCA LOUIE
New York Daily News

The sharks, snakes and space beasts of summer cinema have one message for human audiences: Nature will not nurture you.

While some blockbusters posit that the biggest threat to mankind is technological innovation (think "I, Robot's" angry robots) and "Spider-Man 2's" diabolical cyborg Doc Ock, several other films pinpoint organic adversaries and their treacherous environments as the most dangerous of all.

The recently released "Open Water" enlisted the help of live sharks to depict the terrors two scuba divers face when abandoned at sea.

"Our film is about the arrogance we've shown toward the planet, which without question we have raped and dominated," says Chris Kentis, who made "Open Water" with his wife, Laura Lau. They based the film's harrowing events on a true story.

"Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid," which opens in the States on Aug. 27 and is the sequel to 1997's "Anaconda," was shot in the jungles of Fiji and tells of horticulturalists hunted by territorial, and hungry, snakes. Even the new "Alien vs. Predator" pits humans against "natural" beasts — extraterrestrials — in the frozen wastelands of Antarctica.

"These creatures are bigger, more lethal and much scarier than people," says John Davis, a producer on "Alien vs. Predator."

Moviewogers who find themselves sympathizing with the beasts instead of their human counterparts may be responding to what they represent psychologically.

"The beast often symbolizes the id, something that is out of control," says Peter Dowd, film curator at the American Museum of Natural History. "The modern urban human tries to escape and block out nature, but these animal, basic instincts are still there, poking around. Having a beast [on screen] is a way to give those urges a physical form."

AFTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page of the sports section or AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.net/>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2004					
AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00 Pokemon-John	Trading Spaces	Nightline	Boxing Friday Night Fights	The View	Trading Spaces
9:30 Kenny the Shark (E)	The Best Of	Air Force TV News		The Best Of	The Best Of
10:00 Lizzy McQuinn	Entertainment Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews		What Not to Wear "Moms"	Entertainment Tonight
10:30 Scout's Safari (E)		Dateline NBC		While You Were Out	Headline News
11:00 Focus on the Force	ESPNs		ESPNs		ESPNs
11:30 The Best Of	My Wife and Kids	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Trading Spaces	My Wife and Kids
12:00 Entertainment Tonight	Real & Half (Part 2 of 2)			Real & Half (Part 2 of 2)	
12:30 WWE Raw	CSI: Miami "Blood Brothers"	CNN Saturday Morning	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced.	Everwood "Do or Die"	CSI: Miami "Blood Brothers"
13:00		20/20			
13:30 My Wife and Kids	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Tragedy"			Strong Medicine "PMS, Lies and Red Tape"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Tragedy"
14:30				Movie *** "Foggy Paris" (1995, Comedy)	Headline News
15:00 CSI: Miami "Blood Brothers"	Saturday Night Live				Saturday Night Live
15:30				XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Women's basketball; Spain vs. USA; centering final; women's singles and men's doubles.	XXVIII Summer Olympics
16:00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Tragedy"		Wall Street Jrm		The View	XXVIII Summer Olympics
16:30 XXVIII Summer Olympics		America's Black Frm		What Not to Wear "Moms"	
17:00		News From CNN		While You Were Out	
18:00		Dateline NBC		Trading Spaces	XXVIII Summer Olympics
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20:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics	XXVIII Summer Olympics	Headline News	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Tennis final; women's singles and men's doubles.	Everwood "Do or Die"	XXVIII Summer Olympics
20:30		Air Force TV News			
21:00		20/20			
21:30		FOX News		Strong Medicine "PMS, Lies and Red Tape"	
22:00				Movie *** "Foggy Paris" (1995, Comedy)	
22:30		FOX News	PGA Golf WGC NEC Invitational - Third Round		
23:00					
23:30					

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2004					
AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
00:00 ESPNs	Headline News	Headline News	PGA Golf WGC NEC Invitational - Third Round	(11:00) Movie *** "The King of Queens"	Headline News
00:30 Saturday Night Live	Air Force TV News	McLaughlin Group (N)		Air Force TV News	Air Force TV News
1:00	Christopher Cloosep	The Capital Gang	ESPNs	Kingsley's Meadow	Christopher Cloosep
1:30	Cafe Video		ESPNs	Harvest: Greg Laurie	Cafe Video
2:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Diving women's platform; evening final, men's 50m freestyle, 100m butterfly, track and field, heptathlon final, women's 800m semifinals; weightlifting women's super heavyweight final.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Cycling, track: male, track and field, women's discus final, women's 400m semifinals; weightlifting women's super heavyweight final.	Washington Week	NFL Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Music World	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Cycling, track: male, track and field, women's discus final, heptathlon final, women's 800m semifinals; weightlifting women's super heavyweight final.
3:00		Headline News		King of the Hill	
3:30		People in the News		The Bernie Mac Show	
4:00		CNN Saturday Night		Everybody-Ramond	
4:30		Dateline International		The King of Queens	
5:00				Joan of Arcadia "Do the Math"	
5:30					
6:00	Headline News	Larry King Live	NASCAR Racing Busch Series - California's 250. (Taped)	MA'S "H April Fool's"	Headline News
6:30 XXVIII Summer Olympics	XXVIII Summer Olympics	CNN Saturday Night		Mary Tyler Moore	XXVIII Summer Olympics
7:00				All in the Family	
7:30					
8:00	Bear in House	MotorWeek	SportsCenter	Real Videos	MotorWeek
8:30	Reading Rainbow (E)	Ebert-Movies		King's Meadow	Ebert-Movies
9:00	Movie *** "Hey Arnold! The Movie" (2002) Voice of Spencer Klein	WWE SmackDown!	NFL Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Harvest: Greg Laurie	WWE SmackDown!
9:30		Stargate SG-1		Music World	Stargate SG-1
10:00	SpongeBob	Corps News		Real Videos	
11:00	Destinations	Headline News	Big Story Weekend Edition	King of the Hill	Headline News
11:30	Ebert & Rooper	ESPNs		The Bernie Mac Show	ESPNs
12:00	Headline News	7th Heaven "There's No Place Like Home"	CNN Presents	Everybody-Ramond	7th Heaven "There's No Place Like Home"
12:30	XXVIII Summer Olympics	Movie *** "Rush Hour 2" (2001, Action)	Fox and Friends	Joan of Arcadia "Do the Math"	Movie *** "Rush Hour 2" (2001, Comedy)
13:00	WWE SmackDown!	Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, John Lone		MA'S "H April Fool's"	Eddie Murphy, Kristen Wilson, Jeffrey Jones
13:30				Mary Tyler Moore	
14:00	Stargate SG-1			All in the Family	Headline News
14:30					Seinfeld
15:00	Headline News	Headline News	CBS News Sunday Morning	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball, USA quarter final, rowing final; track and field, women's marathon, wheelchair final; volleyball, women's Cuba vs. USA.	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball, USA quarter final, rowing final; track and field, women's marathon, wheelchair final; volleyball, women's Cuba vs. USA.
15:30	ESPNs	Seinfeld		Music World	
16:00 XXVIII Summer Olympics	XXVIII Summer Olympics	Face the Nation	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Tennis final; men's singles and women's doubles.	Kingsley's Meadow	XXVIII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Beach volleyball, USA quarter final, rowing final; track and field, women's marathon, wheelchair final; volleyball, women's Cuba vs. USA.
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Rockers to play in swing states

The coalition of the willing-to-rock is growing. Sheryl Crow, Jack Johnson and Crosby, Stills & Nash have joined the nearly 20 other musicians trying to unseat President Bush in November.

Crow and company were added to the Vote for Change tour, which boasts a lineup of artists including Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band, Pearl Jam and Dave Matthews Band. The musicians will perform in an array of combinations at some 38 shows in 32 cities over the course of 12 days in October, concert promoters announced Thursday.

Money generated from the concerts will go to America Coming Together, which promises on its Web site to "defeat the right-wing Republican agenda by defeating George W. Bush." The shows will play in election swing states. They'll be presented by MoveOn PAC, the electoral arm of the liberal interest group MoveOn.org.

Lachey's famous crush

He had a crush on her, but Alyssa Milano doesn't mind she thinks "he's hot."

Nick Lachey told "Access Hollywood" in a recent interview that he had to tell his "Charmed" co-star and his former crush to avoid the humiliation of having her find out from someone else.

Lachey plays Milano's love interest in an upcoming six-episode arc on the WB show.

"The first day I came I said, 'I'm just going ... to tell you right now that your poster was hanging in my locker. Because you're going to hear about it and I don't want to be embarrassed later on.'"

Milano says the feeling is mutual. "His eyes are like lavender," the 31-year-old actress told the syndicated entertainment TV show. "I can't even look at him when I'm working with him ... Yeah, he's hot."

The new season of "Charmed" premieres Sept. 12 in the States.

When Lachey was asked if his pop star wife, Jessica Simpson, would have a problem with his on-screen lip lock with Milano, the 30-year-old singer replied: "I'm in the clear here because when she did 'That 70s Show,' she had to kiss Ashton [Kutcher]. He did like five takes of the scene, so I got a free pass on the kid thing!"

Frozen 'Nemo'

"Finding Nemo" is still dealing with water, but in a chilly state.

The Disney/Pixar film about a fish's oceanic adventure is getting the Disney on Ice treatment with elaborate costumes and choreographed routines inspired by the popular animated film.

"Finding Nemo" begins its 13-city tour in Lakeland, Fla., on Sept. 3. Other stops include Nashville, Tenn.; Richmond, Va.; Atlanta; and East Rutherford, N.J. The final stop is scheduled Dec. 8-12 in Raleigh, N.C.

Take a turn at Trump

First the board room, now the board game.

At his Fifth Avenue Tower in New York on Wednesday, Donald Trump unveiled his newest business venture: a new Parker Brothers board game with high stakes dealing making and dollar sums in the billions. Move over Mr. Monopoly.

Trump, the Game is played by up to four players bidding on real estate, buying big ticket items, such as islands and office buildings, and making billion-dollar business deals.

There is, however, no gaming equivalent of bankruptcy, which has recently been a part of the Trump experience.

On Aug. 9, Trump Hotel and Casino Resorts announced plans to file for Chapter 11 and to form a new corporate structure where Trump surrenders much of his control.

Of course, players can terminate their opponents using the two words — "You're fired" — made famous on Trump's reality TV show "The Apprentice."

The Trump game "allows players to feel the power and make the deals," said Mark Blecher, senior vice president of marketing at Hasbro Games (the parent company of Parker Brothers).

The game retails for \$24.99.



'Village' director Shyamalan is big at box office, but will fans' expectations limit his creativity?

BY STEVEN RAY

Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEW YORK — The "M" is not for "modest."

M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village" opened in the States recently, and though the 19th-century suspense stars Oscar-winners Adrien Brody and William Hurt and "Alien" queen Sigourney Weaver, it's the director's name that's being used to sell the movie.

Trailers for "The Village" begin with signature scenes from Shyamalan's biggest pics — "The Sixth Sense," "Unbreakable" and "Signs." His distinctive moniker — the "M" is for Manoj, the "Night" is made up — sits boldly atop the film's title in print ads, posters, every aspect of the media campaign.

On July 18, Shyamalan was the subject of, and mastermind behind, a three-hour special on the Sci Fi Channel, an oddball mix of "making-of" hype and "Blair Witch" faux reality called "The Buried Secret of M. Night Shyamalan."

Last week, he sat for a 1½-hour Q & A beamed live by satellite to more than 40 theaters and hosted by the fawning, fact-challenged Joel Siegel. ("The Good Morning America" critic — who works for ABC, which is owned by Disney, the parent studio behind "The Village" — mistook an Indian actor for Shyamalan in a scene from "The Sixth Sense.") And recently, Shyamalan holed up in Manhattan to do, by his count, 250 interviews with foreign and domestic TV, radio and print reporters.

"People ask me, why are the movies so successful? Why in so short a time?" says the boyish, ebullient filmmaker, whose troika of supernatural hits have a domestic gross of \$616.5 million.

"Because," he explains, "they are me."

Shyamalan goes on: "For example, Bob Dylan is one of the great singers of all time because he's him ... The greater the artist is, the more specific they are to be themselves."

Whether he likes it or not — and, for the most part, he does like it — Shyamalan is becoming a brand.

"There's one star here — it's M. Night," says Tom Pollock, the producer and onetime Universal Pictures studio head. "There are certain directors who are brands. Their names, in fact, have become adjectives."

"Hitchcockian," he offers. "Hitchcockian means something ... It means 'scary, suspenseful filmmaker.'"

"Capraesque ... To say a film is Capraesque, you're expecting a movie about a small-town guy who becomes a hero."

Shyamalanian? Shyamalanesque? M. Nightish? It

doesn't roll off the tongue yet. But the expectations are there, and so are the comparisons to Hitchcock. In its news releases, Touchstone Pictures hails Shyamalan — like Hitchcock, a merchant of suspense who likes to take cameo roles in his films — as "the cinema's modern master of suspense."

"It ultimately, I'm known for something, it will be for something other than similarities to Hitchcock or to whoever. At least, that's my hope," Shyamalan said.

On one level, the Hitchcock analogy is pure, old-school movie-biz hype. But it's hype that Shyamalan, a gregarious fellow with firm control over his career, doesn't seem reluctant to perpetuate.

"To call him Hitchcockian is a big statement, but then Hollywood isn't known for being hesitant about hyperbole in any form," observes Hayes Roth, vice president of global marketing for Landor Associates, the strategic-branding consultancy. But Shyamalan has "demonstrated a skill and a style and a signature approach," which is the beginning of a brand.

When audiences see his name in the title and the marketing of the movie, it tells them "a little bit of what they can expect," says Sam Mercer, who produced "The Village" and has worked with Shyamalan on each of his pictures since 1999's out-of-nowhere smash "The Sixth Sense," which remains the 21st-highest-grossing film of all time.

They know "they're going to be challenged, and have an experience together, and they're going to be emotionally taken by what he has to say."

More than likely, they're also going to expect a twist ending. The denouement of "The Sixth Sense" spun people's heads, and the resolutions of "Unbreakable" and, to a lesser extent, "Signs" also threw audiences for a loop.

Whether or not "The Village" has a surprise ending — no comment from this quarter — audiences are anticipating one.

Which creates an odd challenge for Shyamalan: Has he boxed himself in after just a handful of titles? Does he feel burdened by the fans' expectations? And by the expectations of the studio, eager for another huge payoff? Touchstone, with whom Shyamalan has been aligned since "The Sixth Sense," has a lot riding on "The Village." The Disney film division has had a lackluster year.)

"Burdened" in the sense that I don't want [fans] to have less of an experience for having anticipated," the filmmaker responds. But "I can't not make movies the way I want to make movies. I don't want to be in a world where I can't make 'The Sixth Sense' anymore. If those ideas come to me, they should come to me."

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She's proud to serve

War today is very different from wars in the past. There is no longer a defined front or enemy.

Being in combat doesn't necessarily mean fighting face to face with the enemy. The debate on whether women should be allowed in combat no longer seems justifiable. The issue should be whether someone is qualified to do the job. A woman may not be qualified to be part of a Special Forces unit, but is qualified to fly an F-16 and drop bombs on the enemy firing at that unit.

I find offensive the letter "Sending women to war is wrong" (Aug. 15) saying that the women in our military are tricked into joining.

The letter writer is implying that female servicemembers are ignorant and gullible by stating they were misled by telling them only of "the benefits of college and other schooling and an additional pay check" while the "real mission, which is to engage the enemy in the violence of war in order to defeat that enemy, is never emphasized."

I knew exactly what I had committed myself to when I signed up. I am proud to serve my country, the same as my grandfather, uncles, cousins and my own mother have.

As for the comment about "only in America do we send our women to war," I think he needs to do some research. Women serve in the military in many countries around the world, not "only in America."

Staff Sgt. Brandt K. Taylor

Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

Kerry 'vague and flaky'

I have been deployed to Iraq for a little over five months now. In the last several months I have heard Sen. John Kerry talk about how much of a difference he would make if he were president.

In your recent interview with him, your reporter asked him a number of questions. Out of the 16 questions that were asked of him, I got an incomplete answer to all of

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them. He was so vague and flaky in his answers, that that he did was soot around them. Kind of like his whole campaign.

Kerry said, "I can guarantee that within my first term I will have a substantial reduction in troops in Iraq." Well, in 4½ years I am sure that President Bush will have a great reduction of troops in Iraq, too.

Kerry has not stated one thing that he is for or against. He keeps talking about the United States going to war, not because we want to but because we have to. Unless I am wrong, he voted for this, but his vice presidential candidate did not, but he did.

He keeps talking about how we did not find the weapons of mass destruction. Once again, he was on the Senate Intelligence Committee, the same one that viewed the information that President Bush made the case for war on. At that time the war was a popular idea in the United States for the most part, so Kerry jumped on the bandwagon.

Now that it is not popular, Kerry jumped off, and he is now criticizing the war and the current administration's policies. So far he has made many promises that deal with the military, from the extra soldiers to getting us out of Iraq.

For his sake, if Kerry does somehow win this election, I hope that he can fulfill these promises because if he does not, he will be a prime and proven example of how Democrats cannot run a country in a wartime situation.

Staff Sgt. Timothy O'Donnell
Baghdad

Flag policy hurts morale

To my regret, all occupants of Camp Arifjan in Kuwait received a letter stating we cannot fly the U.S. flag, our state flag or banners of any kind.

If we cannot be proud of the United States, the state we are from or unit, and if we are fighting for the United States but cannot show it, then why are we here? These colors are flown over our tent areas, not out in the public.

What will be next: the flag on our desert cammies, or maybe we can't go to worship?

This is very demoralizing. I hope someone can stop this directive is bad for our troops and change it.

Sgt. Alan Rump
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

Can an officer resign?

I am writing in an attempt to get a straight answer. How does an ex-Army officer resign his commission?

I have seen press reports that officers could be called up to active duty even if their Individual Ready Reserve commitment has expired.

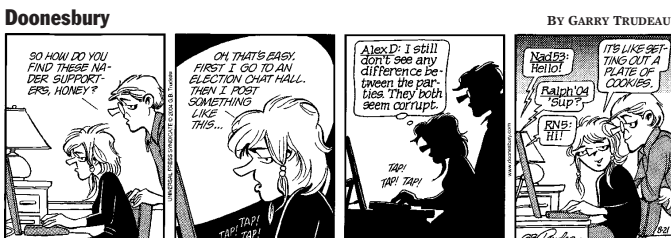
In the Army Times and USA Today, it was reported that there are three ways for an ex-officer to be exempt from an IRR call-up: reach retirement age of 65; have served 28 years of active duty; or resign his commission.

I have asked an active-duty officer to question the SJ adjutant, and the answer was that there is no such thing as resignation. Is this true?

If it is indeed true that it is possible to resign one's commission, where can it be done in Germany?

Stephen Carney
Frankfurt, Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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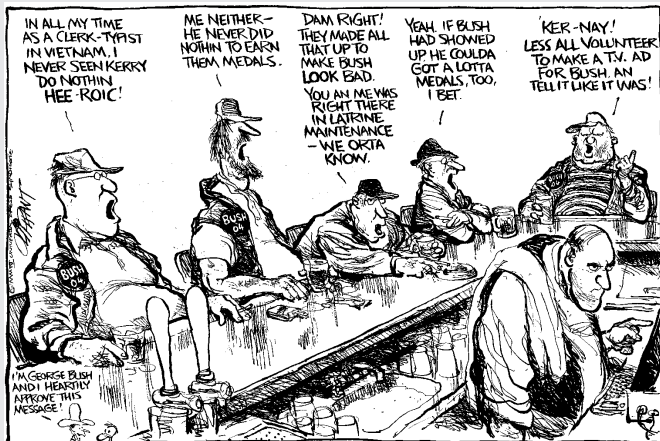
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Horoscope

The Scorpio moon gives intensity to the day, connecting us more strongly to our subconscious desires. The atmosphere is more mysterious and more vivid all at once — as though the subtle gestures we normally take for granted are now telling a whole story that defies logic and somehow doesn't fit in with the big picture. Life is a puzzle.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

AUGUST 21. Your charisma is turned up this year, and you're able to charm your way into terrific situations. Seek quality people in the next few hours — one of your new friends could be a love interest who becomes part of a solid, long-term relationship. Your involvement in public causes forwards your goals this winter. Love signs are Scorpio and Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're ready to move, but slower, less determined people are in your way. Instead of going around them, negotiate your way through. It's important to take the proper channels on your way and grease the right palms, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Travel, writing and communication are your strengths — you take on each endeavor like a pro! Continue in your purposefulness, and you'll soon advance to that coveted position you've been aiming toward for years.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). An element of fun has been conspicuously missing from the past few days, and now is your chance to re-introduce yourself to the idea. Spontaneous decisions are the best. Get outside, where you'll feel vital.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll prepare, organize and plan until there's nothing left to do but jump in. Then, of course, nothing goes as predicted, but at least you're ready to make the most of whatever complications arise. Pay homage to elders.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're definitely in the mood for sensory delights and will appreciate the colors, textures, sights and sounds of even the most ordinary of occur-

rences. Your love of the sensual will lead to advances in your artistry and talent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Strengthen relationships by being aware of yourself as a spiritual being — your soul has needs that can be beautifully met by others on a similar quest. By the same token, your spirit can be bruised by an oppressive force.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's an opportunity to perform in some way or be judged. You'll wonder if you can trust your talent and creativity — will you later feel embarrassed, or will you be proud of yourself for what you can do?

Believe in yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your sense of well-being will attract people who are not quite as stable. Give your attention generously, but limit the amount of time you spend with people who could potentially knock you out of your emotional center.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your outstanding assets are obvious to all. You lead the way with your integrity, and therefore, decisions that might normally bring a quandary can be made in a snap. Taking the high road is the easiest thing to do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because you hold the power and somebody else wants it, you may find yourself in a struggle. The more you oppose, the more opposition you'll encounter. Confuse your opponent by taking an unexpected approach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's always difficult for you to set limits because you're so inclined to help anyone who claims to need assistance. Try to be a bit more logical now, though, because someone could be taking advantage of your bleeding heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An ongoing battle is starting to drain your energy, and you just want to be over. Though you may have been willing to compromise a few months ago, you've hardened your stance. Because of this, you're likely to get your way.

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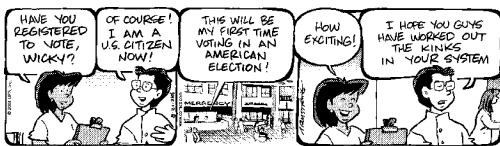
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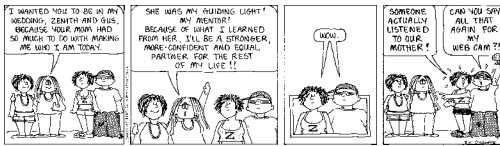
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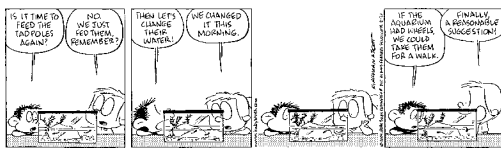
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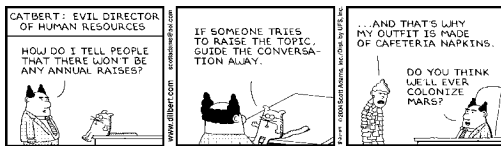
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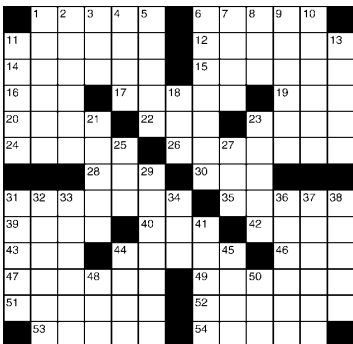
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Robinson makes points at camp

Former Georgia All-American helps sharpen skills of DODDS kickers

BY RUSTY BRYAN
Stars and Stripes

WÜRBURG, Germany — Rex Robinson of Marietta, Ga., a former All-America place-kicker for the Georgia Bulldogs' 1980 national championship team, arrived at this week's DODDS-Europe football camp with a clear objective.

"Our main goal is to help everyone get better," said Robinson, 45, a sports equipment and apparel salesman for Atlanta-based Prosports.

"I've been really pleased with the progress we've made." Although there are 425 high school football players in this year's camp, only a handful have been able to attend every kicking session that Robinson has conducted. The others have to divide their time among their position classes.

That fits nicely into Robinson's style, developed when he got in-

involved with the football program at Marietta High School a few years ago.

"Some guys were not extremely happy with the kickers' camps they had attended," Robinson said. "They said there were too many people there, so I started working with small groups."

And tailoring his instruction to their styles.

"There are certain fundamentals which should be there, but there can be personal style preferences. I try to help a kicker perfect his style," Robinson said.

According to London Central coach Fredo Ontiveros, the personal touch works wonders. "He's fantastic," Ontiveros said. "He gives each kid just one minor adjustment to work on for each repetition. He gives them time to absorb it and then he'll give them another tweak."

Does it work?

"We had kids kicking 45-yard field goals last night," Ontiveros



RUSTY BRYAN/Stars and Stripes

Ansbach's Mike Ewing follows through Thursday on a kick out of the hold of Lakenheath's Mike Preston as kicking coach Rex Robinson of Marietta, Ga., evaluates his form. Far left is London Central head coach Fredo Ontiveros, another volunteer instructor in the annual three-day DODDS football summer camp.

said Thursday.

Robinson's most diligent pupils here are also DODDS soccer stars, including All-European Lones Seiber of Wiesbaden, Mike Preston of Lakenheath and Christian Peol of Bamberg.

"This guy's teaching me a lot," said Seiber, a junior who's playing football for the first time this season. "He's shown me some warm-up drills that are way better than the ones we have for soccer."

Robinson tries to develop accuracy, derived from consistency.

"Accuracy is Job No. 1. I might be the title of my book," Robinson said. "We start our drills close to the goal post and actually try to hit the upright. Some guys get frustrated with our drills, which stress accuracy over power."

Consistency pays off in preparation, too, he said, especially in dealing with the pressure of a game-ending kick which can be the difference between a team's winning and losing.

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Rex Robinson
Kicking consultant

camp again.

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pre-kick routine," he said, "something that is easy to repeat and perform under pressure. It makes an unpredictable situation seem familiar. It calms you and makes you feel that you've been here before."

It's also important, he said, for kickers to visualize success and not worry about failing.

Robinson said he'd welcome the opportunity to work this

camp again.

"If I can find a way to get over jet lag, that is."

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Carr's legacy endures

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

For the first time since 1997, Bitburg didn't host DODDS-Europe's annual summer football camp, but the camp's three days of intensive instruction remain solidly in place, according to someone who should know.

"The template of the camp has been developed over the years," said Bitburg's Len Haristone. Haristone was the assistant to longtime coach Rik Carr, who retired after last season. "The only thing that's missing is Rik."

Players who attended previous camps noticed one other difference. "The only difference," said Wiesbaden's Paul Fry, "is that it's farther to walk to the commissary here than in Bitburg."

Special instruction

In addition to the instruction in football fundamentals and physical conditioning, football campers here also prepare for their special

DODDS notes

situation in the wide-ranging landscape of DODDS-Europe football. All 425 campers, along with their coaches, sleep on cots in Bitburg's gym and wrestling room, just as they'll often do on road trips during the season.

Bumps and bruises

Army medics from the Würzburg Hospital are on the scene at camp.

"I'd say we've treated about 25 injuries," said medic Megan Kalbfleisch, a Reservist from the 348th General Hospital in New York. "That's less than I'd expect from a group this size."

Kalbfleisch, who said she enjoyed this break from the routine at the clinic, admitted that she hadn't had much experience dealing with sports injuries.

Not that it matters. "A medic is a medic," she said. E-mail: Rusty Bryan at: rbryan@gmail.com

Hot start, cool finish for Woods in NEC

Cink's 63 leads \$7 million event; Woods trails by five after Round 1

The Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Stewart Cink went from the last American picked for the Ryder Cup team to the first name on the leader board in the NEC Invitational, completing a 7-under 63 on Friday for a two-shot lead over Zach Johnson.

Cink played eight holes on soggy Firestone South to complete his bogey-free round, finishing with a 7-iron into 5 feet for birdie to match his lowest score of the season.

"I'm playing with a lot of confidence," Cink said.

Tiger Woods, battling to keep his No. 1 ranking, didn't finish quite that well.

Leading the tournament briefly at 5-under, he made back-to-back bogeys to end Thursday on a sour note, and he was even more perturbed that darkness kept him from finishing his round. Woods was among 60 players who had to return at 7:30 a.m. EDT, but he had to play just one hole.

And it wasn't a good one. "Not in the first," he pleaded with his tee shot on No. 18, which landed behind a fir tree. After a



knockdown shot that never got higher than 5 feet during its 140-yard journey to the edge of the green, Woods chipped to 4 feet and missed the par putt, slinging his putter at his bag.

He finished the first round with seven birdies, five bogeys, six pars and four thrown clubs, which gave him a 68 and put him in a tie for fifth with seven other players.

PGA champion Vijay Singh, who only needs to finish higher than Woods to replace him at No. 1, was among only 16 players who finished the first round Thursday, when rain delayed the start by five hours and forced tournament officials to send threesomes — instead of the traditional twosomes at Firestone — off the first and 10th tees.

Singh bogeyed two of the first three holes, and ended with a double bogey for a 73.

Ernie Els, who also can rise to No. 1 this week, walked off the course Friday morning in no



Tiger Woods, winless since February, made seven birdies in the first round of the NEC Invitational, but finished with three straight bogeys.

mood to talk. He returned at 1-under with eight holes to play, but two double bogeys sent him to a 71.

Johnson made two birdie putts inside 10 feet to reach 5-under, then held a 15-foot putt on the ninth hole to save par and give him a 65.

Barry Lane and Bob Tway each had 67.

Joining Woods in the large group at 68 were Davis Love III, Jim Furyk, Sergio Garcia and Chris DiMarco, who is coming off a playoff loss at Whistling Straits that put him on the Ryder Cup team.

Albers, Han lead stormy Wendy's Championship

DUBLIN, Ohio — Kristi Albers had a hole-in-one on No. 17 and shot 5-under 67 to take a share of the lead with defending champion Hec-Whon Han in the rain-delayed opening round of the Wendy's Championship for Children.

A violent storm rocked Tartan Fields Golf Club late in the day after half the 144-player field completed the first round.

Han was 5-under through 13 holes when play was suspended.

Norway's Suzann Pettersen was a shot back of the co-leaders at 4-under through 17 holes.

Three players finished at 3-under 69 — Nancy Scranton, almost 5 months pregnant with twins; Patricia Meunier-Lebouc and Dottie Pepper.

Michelle Wie, the long-hitting 14-year-old amateur, was 3-over through 10 holes.

Rookie from Auburn ahead in Reno-Tahoe Open

RENO, Nev. — Roland Thatcher, a former Auburn star in his first season on the PGA Tour, shot 6-under 68 to take the lead in the rain-delayed Reno-Tahoe Open.

Mark Friebe and Mark Wilson were a stroke back, and Corey Pavin was in a group another shot behind.

With spotlight on Manning, Delhomme steals show



Giants rookie Eli Manning, above, went 9-for-15 for 117 yards Thursday in his first NFL start. Kurt Warner was nine of 11 for 71 yards with an interception that was returned for a TD.

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Although the spotlight was on Eli Manning, Jake Delhomme shone the brightest.

Manning had a debut as a starter, but Delhomme overshadowed the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft by throwing for a touchdown and running for another in the Carolina Panthers' 27-20 victory Thursday night over the New York Giants.

The game was a lost test for Manning, competing with two-time MVP Kurt Warner for New York's starting job.

Manning looked every bit the carbon copy of his brother, Peyton, pointing out the defense and calling audibles early. His passes went smooth and on the mark. He went 9-for-15 for 117 yards.

But as the first half unfolded, the Panthers' defense stiffened.

Brenton Buckner pushed through the line for a nasty takedown of Manning in the second quarter — Buckner was flagged for encroachment — and Mark Fields sacked him three plays later to end his night.

There were a few bubbles: On his second series, Manning tried to change the play from the shotgun position but ran out of time and earned a delay-of-game penalty.

"I've still got a lot to learn," Manning said. "Feeling better in the pocket, being more comfortable in there. Standing there making my reads and better throws. But every day and every week, I feel more comfortable."

"Eli did all right," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "He did OK. We don't have any problems with that."

"He's going to be good," Carolina defensive end Mike Rucker said of Manning. "They're trying to protect him with quick cuts and hard cuts and quick throws. That's understandable. He'll be good when he gets older."

Delhomme completed 11 of 13 passes for 144 yards, including back-to-back pretty passes to Steve Smith. One went for 38 yards, and Smith jumped over defenders on the next one, an 18-yard completion to the 7-yard line.

Delhomme threw a touchdown pass to Muhiin Muhammad on the next play for a 10-3 Carolina lead.

Warner was sacked four times and threw an interception late in the fourth quarter to William Hampton, who returned it 49 yards for a touchdown. Warner finished nine of 11 for 71 yards.

Dizzy AL batting leader Ichiro says he is not concussed

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Ichiro Suzuki did not sustain a concussion when he was hit by the game's first pitch, but the Seattle Mariners' star still felt slightly dizzy Thursday and was not scheduled to play against Kansas City.

The game was postponed by rain before it began and rescheduled as part of a doubleheader in Seattle on Aug. 28.

Suzuki, who leads the majors with 189 hits and a .366 average, was hit on the back right side of his head by rookie Jimmy Serrano on Wednesday.

"The tests were OK, so I should be fine," Suzuki said through a translator. "We'll see

how dizzy I am tomorrow."

White Sox manager suspended 2 games

CHICAGO — White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was suspended for two more games and fined \$2,000 by the commissioner's office Thursday for calling umpire Hunter Wendelstedt a liar.

Guillen was suspended two games and fined \$1,000 for arguing during an Aug. 9 game against Cleveland, contesting an out call at second base.

Guillen finished serving that suspension Wednesday. But before Wednesday's game, he told reporters he had a problem with some aspects of Wendelstedt's report to the commissioner's office.

"I don't blame them to suspend me or

whatever it is, but the guy lied. Whatever his name is, Hunter or Wendelstedt. He lied. He lied to major league baseball, he lied to Mr. (Bob) Watson, he lied to Mr. Sandy Alderson," Guillen said.

"You are not a real man when you lie."

Saints LB Hodge suspended 4 games

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Saints linebacker Sedrick Hodge has been suspended for four games by the NFL for violating its substance abuse policy.

Hodge, a third-round draft selection by the Saints in 2001, was expected to start at strong-side linebacker.

In other team news, the Saints released cornerback Derek Ross one day after placing a waiver claim on the former Ohio

State standout. Ross missed a scheduled flight to New Orleans on Wednesday.

Steelers OG Simmons out for season

LATROBE, Pa. — Pittsburgh right guard Kentia Simmons will miss the season with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, leaving the Steelers short on an offensive line lacking depth.

Former champ Bowe plans comeback

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe (40-1, 32 KOs), 37, is coming out of retirement after a 17-month prison stint, with a scheduled return to the ring Sept. 25.

His first fight in seven years will be against low-ranked heavyweight Jeff Laury (23-23-1, 10 KOs) at Fire Lake Casino, a spokesman for the facility said Thursday.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Patterson takes over as USA's golden girl

By GIL LEBRETON

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ATHENS — In the end, Carly Patterson showed them all.

She showed the gymnastics fans who wondered if she could come back from elbow surgery. She showed doubters who watched her fall from the balance beam twice in the Olympic trials.

She showed the committee that seemed poised to hand her lofty perch on the U.S. team to a newcomer. She showed the people who watched her in the Olympic team finals Tuesday night and wondered if, at the worst of times, she'd run out of gas.

She showed the world. She showed us all.

For 20 years, the U.S. gymnastics world wondered if and when there would ever be another Mary Lou Retton.

Kristie Phillips, Shannon Miller, Dominique Moceanu. They all were fitted for the crown but, in the most golden way of all, fell short.

How long, we asked, before the "next Mary Lou"?

"No more questions," Bela Karolyi, the man who coached



American Carly Patterson performs her floor routine during the women's gymnastics individual all-around final in Athens on Thursday.

the original, bellowed Thursday night. "She's already born."

Nailing every landing on her final two events and confidently planting every jump, Patterson won the Olympic gold medal in the women's gymnastics all-around Thursday night.

Repeating a style to which she has apparently become accustomed, she came from behind, scoring a 9.725 on the balance beam to take over the lead and sealing the victory with a stylish, 9.712 performance on floor exercise.

An anxious wait had preceded her final routine. Patterson was the final competitor in the final event of the night. She knew she needed at least a 9.536 score to pass Russia's Svetlana Khorkina.

"You can do it, baby," coach Evgeny Marchenko told her as she walked to the mat to begin.

With her big-band jazz music playing, Patterson's first tumbling pass ended with a full-out twist. Perfect. She thrust her arms skyward, as if she'd just landed from the uneven bars.

Three more passes diagonally

across the mat all produced the same soaring result.

With the cheers of the crowd ringing in her ears, Patterson dashed down the steps and into her coach's arms. Seconds later, the judges rewarded her with the best floor-exercise score of the night.

"You're the new Olympic all-around champion!" Marchenko screamed, holding her in a tight squeeze.

Patterson, as 16-year-olds should, couldn't help but cry.

"How many years have we waited?" said Karolyi, who no longer coaches the U.S. team, but remains a force on the American gymnastics scene.

"Twenty years. It seemed like an eternity."

Her floor exercise routine may have sealed the gold medal, but Patterson, for all intents and purposes, likely decided it with her performance on the balance beam. She ended it with her trademark, double-Arabian dismount, and gym people think that it's the hardest beam routine in the sport. The judges concurred, rewarding Patterson with a score that was .263 higher than Khorkina's and catapulting her into first.

"As soon as she was through with the beam, we knew she had the gold," Karolyi said. "But the big question is the beam. She

proved her class, but beam is beam."

As fate would have it, all of the medal contenders — Khorkina, Nicoleta Sofronea of Romania, and Nan Zhang of China — finished the four-event competition on floor exercise.

Karolyi was asked if Patterson going last was an advantage.

"The thing is, you still have to do the floor," he said. "Sometimes, the pressure is really hard."

But Patterson showed us.

She competes in a world of relative porcelain dolls, compared to the shot putters and weightlifters that she sees around the Olympic Village. But Patterson has an athlete's body and, more importantly, an athlete's flair for competition.

"My whole life, this has been my dream," Patterson said, "and it's finally come true. All my hard work has paid off."

"And, umm-m-m... that's it." She laughed at how silly, how simple her answer seemed.

She doesn't, perhaps, have the 1984 Olympic champion's pearly smile or her perky personality. She didn't have the same Olympic stage that the team in 1984 did.

But you can call off the golden hunt for the "next Mary Lou."

Carly Patterson showed us all.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Phelps ties Spitz with four individual gold

U.S. swimmer gives Crocker spot in relay but still can win record eighth medal

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Michael Phelps swam the race of his life — then topped himself again.

Capping a magnificent Olympics with a magnanimous gesture, Phelps matched Mark Spitz's record of four individual swimming gold medals and then gave up a coveted spot on the 400-meter medley relay team to Maine's Ian Crocker — the man Phelps had just beaten.

With five golds and seven medals over-



Michael Phelps, above, won his fourth gold medal in Athens, tying an Olympic record in the 100-meter butterfly (51.25). He beat Ian Crocker by .04 seconds.

all, Phelps is content to win a historic eighth medal while sitting in the stands Saturday night.

His Olympics are over. "We came into this meet as a team," Phelps said. "We'll leave here as a team."

In an Olympics that became his personal showcase, the 19-year-old from Baltimore came through with another stirring performance in the 100 butterfly. He had every reason to be tired, racing for the 17th time in seven days. And he was taking on Crocker — the world record-holder, the guy who beat Phelps in the world championships and the U.S. Olympic trials.

Midway through the race, it seemed as though Phelps had met his match. Crocker led his teammate by a half-body length, making the turn under world-record pace. Phelps was lagging in fishy, his quest for another gold in serious jeopardy.

But Phelps' huge wingspan began to dig furiously into the water, leaving behind a wake that resembled a washing machine cleaning a load of clothes. With 20 meters to go, he had pulled up on Crocker's shoulder. At the wall, both lunged for the gold.

Phelps got it, beating Crocker by a minuscule four-hundredths of a second in an Olympic record of 51.25. Andriy Serdinov

of Ukraine took the bronze with a time of 51.36.

"He's a great champion," said International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge, who watched Phelps' victory from a front-row seat at the Aquatic Center. "Definitely, he is going to be one of the icons of the Games."

Normally, the winner of the 100 fly gets a spot in the medley relay final. But Phelps, who already had taken part in the morning preliminaries, decided to give his spot to Crocker. Everyone who participate on a top-three relay team — whether it's the preliminaries or a final — receives a medal.

The United States has never lost a medley relay in the Olympics, and this team will be an overwhelming favorite to keep that streak alive — no matter if it's Crocker instead of Phelps swimming the fly.

Therefore, Phelps still is likely to the Soviet-gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin's record of eight medals in one Olympics, compared to the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games.

U.S. 1,500m hopeful Webb has early exit

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Alan Webb, who was supposed to end America's streak of mediocrity in middle-distance races, got outmaneuvered and outran as he failed to make it out of the preliminary round in the 1,500 meters.

Trying to end a 36-year U.S. drought in the Olympic 1,500, Webb finished ninth in his heat Friday. Twenty-four runners advanced, and Webb had the 25th-fastest time. He missed qualifying by 11 seconds.

Webb, 21, finished in 3 minutes, 41.25 seconds. He was stuck in the middle of the field for most of the race, and faded on the final stretch.

The last American to win an Olympic medal in the 1,500 was Jim Ryun, who earned silver in 1968.

Earlier Friday, a U.S. women's sprinter corps missing some of its biggest names got off to a strong start on the first day of the track competition, with three Americans including 37-year-old Gail Devers — advancing from their preliminary heats in the 100 meters.

Laurny Williams was fastest in her heat in 11.16 seconds. U.S. champion LaTasha Colander slowed at the end but still won her heat in 11.31. And Devers, who won this event in the 1992 and 1996 Games, advanced by placing third in her heat in 11.29.

U.S. Olympic trials triple jump champion Melvin Listers failed to make the finals. He was 18th in the preliminary round at 54-7/4 (16.64). The top 12 advance.

U.S. women clinch top spot

Challenged for the first time in

these Olympics, the U.S. women's basketball team fought through foul problems and long stretches of cold shooting to clinch first place in its preliminary group with a 71-58 victory over Spain.

The United States had won its first three games in Athens by an average of 31 points, but nothing came easily against Spain. Lisa Leslie, Tina Thompson and Yolanda Phillips led a 10-2 fourth-quarter run that put the Americans firmly in control.

American Fish to play for gold

Mardy Fish, an unseeded American, beat No. 16 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Friday in the Olympic semifinals. Gonzalez had pulled off a third-round upset of Fish's teammate and buddy, Andy Roddick.

In Sunday's final, Fish will play No. 10 Nicolas Pietrangeli, who defeated Taylor Dent 7-6 (5), 6-1 in another U.S.-vs. Chile match.

Weightlifter, shot putter throw out for doping

A weightlifter from India and shot putter from Uzbekistan were kicked out of the Athens Olympics on Friday for testing positive for drugs.

Indian Samanatha Channu and Uzbekistan Olga Shchukina were disqualified by the International Olympic Committee executive board.

Channu was stripped of her fourth-place finish in Sunday's 53-kilogram (117-pound) weightlifting competition. Shchukina finished 19th and last in her qualifying group in Wednesday's shot put at Ancient Olympia.

The IOC said Channu tested positive for furosemide, a banned diuretic that can be used as a masking agent. Shchukina tested positive in an out-of-competition screening last Saturday for the steroid clenbuterol, the IOC said.

Olympics scoreboard

Friday's scores

BASEBALL	
Italy 5, Taiwan 4	
Japan 9, Canada 1	
BASKETBALL	
Russia 94, Japan 71	
New Zealand 79, China 77	
United States 71, Spain 58	
Czech Republic 71, Spain 58	
FIELD HOCKEY	
Australia 2, South Korea 2	
Argentina 3, New Zealand 0	
SOCCER	
Germany 2, Nigeria 1	
France 2, Argentina 0	
SOFTBALL	
Canada 1, Italy 1	
TEAM HANDBALL	
Spain 30-20, Argentina 20	
South Korea 30-20, Slovenia 20	
France 30-20, Hungary 20	
Germany 30-20, Hungary 20	
WOMEN'S	
China 3, Germany 2, 25-15, 25-10	
Spain 3, Dominican Republic 2, 25-23, 25-17	
South Korea 3, Japan 0, 25-21, 25-24, 25-21	
France 3, Greece 2, 25-12, 25-12, 25-11	
WATER POLO	
Men	
Italy 8, Kazakhstan 4	
United States 8, Bulgaria 4	
Hungary 5, Canada 4	
Greece 4, Australia 7, tie	

Archery

Women's Team Semifinals	
South Korea (Park, Gwon-hyung, Lee Sung-jun, Yun Mi-jin), def. France (Alexandra Sava, Catherine Schuch, Aurelie Trayan), 249-234	
China (Ye Ying, Zhang Juanjuan, Lin Sang), def. Taiwan (Liu Chia Yi, Yuan Hu, Ju Wu, Li Ju Chen), 239-226	
Bronze Medal Match	
Taiwan (Shih Chia Yi, Ju Wu, Li Ju Chen), def. France (Alexandra Sava, Catherine Schuch, Aurelie Trayan), 249-234	
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Badminton

Men	
Double	
Erk Han and Kim Dong-soo, Indonesia 2, Jens Erikson and Martin Lundgaard Hansen, Denmark, 2-1, 2-0	
Singles	
Kim Dong-soo and Ra-kwon, South Korea def. Lee Dong-soo and Yoo Yong-suk, South Korea, 2-0, 2-1, 15-14	

Canoe-Kayak

Men	
Canoe Doubles	
1. Slovakia (Pavol Horvath; Peter Hochmohrner), 287.16	
2. Germany (Marcus Becker; Stefan Henkel), 216.98, +1.82	
3. Czech Republic (Jaroslav Wolf; Ondrej Stepanek), 212.48, +3.50	
Kayak Singles	
1. Spain (Francisco Quemener; Yanni le Michel), 216.75, +1.93	
2. Slovakia (Benetti; Eric Maseroni), 216.06, +2.60	
Kayak Singles	
1. Campbell Walsh, Britain, 197.45, +2.11	
2. David Ford, Canada, 197.45, +2.11	
3. David Ford, Canada, 197.45, +2.11	
4. Thomas Schmidt, Germany, 192.93, +4.97	

6. Scott Parsons, Sylvania, Ohio, 194.61, +6.89	
7. Wojciech Polaczky, Poland, 196.57, +8.76	
8. Sam Oud, Netherlands, 197.28, +9.52	
9. Warwick Draper, Australia, 197.47, +9.47	
10. Uros Klosek, Slovenia, 201.31, +13.65	

Cycling

Men	
1 Km Time Trial	
1. Chris Hoy, Britain, 1:00.711	
2. Arnaud Dore, France, 1:00.886	
3. Stefan Ninkovic, Austria, 1:01.195	
4. Shane Kelly, Australia, 1:01.224	
5. Theo Bos, Netherlands, 1:01.586	
6. Nicolas Perrot, France, 1:02.204	
7. Craig Maclean, Britain, 1:02.369	
8. Carsten Bergmann, Germany, 1:02.551	
Women	
500m Time Trial	
1. Ann Meares, Australia, 1:35.92	
2. Jiang Yongfang, China, 1:36.09	
3. Natalia Tsyshynska, Belarus, 1:41.07	
4. Natalia Kravchuk, Lithuania, 1:41.07	
5. Yvonne Heijmans, Netherlands, 1:43.52	
6. Patricia Pendleton, Britain, 1:43.52	
7. Lori Ann Muenter, Canada, 1:44.08	
8. Nancy Lurie, Canada, 1:44.08	

Fencing

Women's Team Foil	
France (Hajnalka Kiraly, Cécile Léa, Laura Fleiser-Colovic), 2-1; Maureen Nunn, Sarah Daponte, 0-1, def. Canada (Julie Leprieux, 1-1, Sherriane Fecteau, 3-0; Monique Kaveleiras 0-3; 22-21, 25-24, 25-17)	
Men	
Foil	
1. Oksana Ermaeva, 2-0; Tatiana Lomogonova 2-1, def. Russia (Svetlana Khorkina, 2-0; Ekaterina Smirnova 0-2; 25-24, 25-17, 25-12)	
Saber	
1. Oksana Ermaeva, 2-0; Tatiana Lomogonova 2-1, def. Russia (Svetlana Khorkina, 2-0; Ekaterina Smirnova 0-2; 25-24, 25-17, 25-12)	

Gymnastics

Women's Individual Trampoline	
1. Anna Dognazette, Belgium, 38.60	
2. Karen Cockburn, Canada, 38.30	
3. Svetlana Khorkina, Russia, 38.30	
4. Natalia Chernova, Russia, 38.30	
5. Heather Ross-McMann, Canada, 37.40	
6. Svetlana Khorkina, Russia, 37.40	
7. Andrea Linderoth, Netherlands, 24.30	

Judo

Men	
Plus 100kg Semifinals	
Keiji Suzuki, Japan, def. Gianfranco Bianchesi, Italy, ippon, Ichi-tachi, 2:05	
Denis Mironov, Russia, def. Seyyed Mahdoudreza Miran Fashandi, Iran, ippon, Tsubame-gaeshi, 4:00	

Women	
Plus 100kg Semifinals	
Keiji Suzuki, Japan, def. Tamerlan Temirov, Russia, ippon, Tsubame-gaeshi, 1:17	
Semi-finals	
Dayana Beltrán, Balcas, def. Sun Fuming, China, ippon, Tai-otoshi, 1:33	
Maiya Tsvetkova, Russia, def. Zhenya Zhurav, Russia, Waza-ari, ippon, 4:35	
2. Tsvetkova, Russia, def. Zhenya Zhurav, Russia, Waza-ari, ippon, 4:35	
3. Tsvetkova, Russia, def. Zhenya Zhurav, Russia, Waza-ari, ippon, 4:35	

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Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

Men	
Super Heavyweight	
1. Keiji Suzuki, Japan, def. Tamerlan Temirov, Russia, ippon, Tsubame-gaeshi, 1:17	

Gujido, Cabo, Ippon, Ushiro-kesa-gatame, 1:50

Shooting

Women	
50m Rifle 3 Positions	
1. Ludovika Turisini, Italy (585, 1004), 688	
2. Wang Hyeon, China (584, 1014), 685.4	
3. Olga Jorgensen, Kazakhstan (588, 963), 689.9	
4. Wang Hye, South Korea (584, 970), 681.0	
5. Barbara Pleschinger, Germany (582, 976), 679.9	
6. Barbara Pleschinger, Germany (582, 976), 677.4	
7. Natalia Kalynych, Ukraine (579, 982), 677.0	

U.S. Finishes	
1. Morgan Hand, Britain (577), 577.0	
20. Sarah Christian-Blessie, Vancouver, Wash. (571), 571.0	

Men	
Pistol	
1. Matthew Emmons, Browns Mills, N.J. (599, 1014), 618.9	
2. Christian Luick, Germany (598, 1042), 617.0	
3. Sergei Martynov, Belarus (596, 1056), 616.0	
4. Jozsef Kovacs, Slovakia (598, 1025), 605.5	
5. Marco de Nicolo, Italy (598, 1047), 609.7	
6. Malik Eckhardt, Germany (598, 1016), 609.0	
7. Michael Babi, Britain (595, 1018), 606.8	
8. Xu Zhenbo, China (597, 1014), 606.6	

Other U.S. Finishes	
1. Michael Babi, Britain (595, 1018), 606.8	
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3. Michael Babi, Britain (595, 1018), 606.8	
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Swimming

Men	
100 Freestyle	
1. Garry Hall, Britain, 52.99	
2. Dule Gjergja, Croatia, 21.94	
3. Dule Gjergja, Croatia, 21.94	
4. Dule Gjergja, Croatia, 21.94	
5. Dule Gjergja, Croatia, 21.94	
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Women	
100 Freestyle	
1. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
2. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
3. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
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5. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
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Men	
200 Freestyle	
1. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
2. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
3. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
4. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
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200 Freestyle	
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Men	
400 Freestyle	
1. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
2. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
3. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
4. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
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400 Freestyle	
1. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
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8. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
9. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	
10. Kristy Cowie, Australia, 59.19	

3. Erika Viridicia, Spain, 8:29.04.
6. Rebecca Cooke, Britain, 8:29.37.
7. Jana Henke, Germany, 8:33.95.
8. Simona Paduraru, Romania, 8:37.02.

Table tennis

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

S. Korean archers winteam gold again

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Trailblazing by 26 points with three arrows left, South Korea turned to Park Kyung-hyun to keep its streak of women's archery dominance alive.

Park hit nine and then eight, and needed a 10 for victory on the final shot of the match.

The Olympic champion didn't miss.

Park shot a 10 on the last arrow of the women's team competition Friday at Panathinaiko Stadium, giving South Korea a 241-240 win over China and its fifth consecutive gold medal in the event. The Koreans have won the gold at every Games since the team event was added to the Olympic program in 1988 in Seoul and all 11 women's archery golds since their first appearance in the sport in 1984.

Park defeated teammate Lee Seung-jin in the final to win the individual gold on Wednesday. Their third teammate, Yun Mi-jin, won the individual gold in Sydney in 2000.

China shot three nines in its last end, opening up a 26-point lead over the Koreans, who had two arrows left. Park, the 2001 world champion and 2003 runner-up, delivered the 27 points needed to give South Korea another archery gold.

Taiwan defeated France 242-228 to win the bronze.

In Olympic archery, competitors stand 70 meters from targets, which is 122-centimeters in diameter. The 10-point ring on the target is 12.2 centimeters (4.8 inches) in diameter.

Cycling

Men's 1-kilometer time trial: Chris Hoy won in an Olympic-record time of 1 minute, 0.711 seconds on Friday, giving Britain its first gold medal of the Athens Games.

France's Arnaud Tournant was second in 1:00.896. He was 0.538 seconds behind Hoy for the gold in this year's world championships.

Germany's Stefan Nimke, the bronze time trial silver medalist, won the 2000 Olympics, won the bronze in 1:01.186.

Women's 500-meter time trial: Anna Meares of Australia won the gold medal Friday, finishing the two laps and 500-meter velodrome in a world-record 33.952 seconds.

Jiang Yonghua of China, the former world-record holder, won the silver with a time of 34.112 seconds. Nataliya Tsyshynskaya of Belarus won the bronze in 34.167 seconds.

Track and field

Men's 20-kilometer walk: Ivan Brugnetti of Italy pulled away over the final 2,000 meters to win the gold medal.

Brugnetti went in a personal best 1 hour, 19 minutes, 39 sec-



Germany's Marcus Becker, right and Stefan Hensch compete in the final race of the C2 men's canoe event at the Olympic Canoe-Kayak slalom venue in Athens on Friday. The pair won the silver medal, Pavel Hochschorner and Peter Hochschorner of Slovakia won the gold medal and Jaroslav Volf and Ondrej Stepanek of Czech Republic won the bronze.

Medals roundup

onds, finishing 5 seconds ahead of silver medalist Francisco Fernandez of Spain. Nathan Peakes of Australia won the bronze in 1:20.02.

Shooting

Men's 50-meter meter: American Matt Emmons won the gold medal with a score of 703.3.

Christian Lusch of Germany won the silver medal with 702.2, and Sergei Martynov of Belarus took the bronze.

Emmons led all shooters after the qualifying round with a score of 599, which meant that only one of his 60 shots failed to hit the bull's-eye that is 10.4 millimeters in diameter — smaller than a dime. In the final, where shots are measured in fractions of a point, Emmons shot a 104.3.

Women's 50-meter three-position rifle: Lioubov Galkina of Russia won the gold medal with an Olympic-record score of 688.4. Valentina Turisni of Italy won the silver and Wang Chengyi of China took the bronze.

Canoe-Kayak

Men's 1-kilometer canoe: Pavel and Peter Hochschorner took the gold medal once again, winning by more than 3 seconds.

The brothers from Slovakia moved smoothly through the whitewater course, showing the form that helped them win the gold medal in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Their time was 207.16, beating Marcus Becker and Stefan Hensch of Germany by 3.82 seconds.

Jaroslav Volf and Ondrej Stepanek of the Czech Republic took bronze, just under 2 seconds behind the Germans.

Men's kayak: Frenchman Benoit Peschier, who entered the Olympics ranked 12th in the world in single kayak slalom, put together a pair of clean, fast runs to win the gold medal.

Britain's Campbell Walsh was second and defending world champion Fabien Lefevre of France took bronze.

Table Tennis

Women's doubles: China's team of Wang Nan and Zhang Yin won the gold medal, beating Lee Eun-sil and Suk Eun-mi of South Korea 11-9, 11-7, 11-6, 11-6.

Guo Yue and Ni Jiafang of China won the bronze.

Gymnastics

Women's trampolines: Anna Dogonadze of Germany won the gold medal, scoring 39.60 points out of a possible 40 to edge Karen Cockburn of Canada.

Cockburn, the bronze medalist in the Sydney Olympics, where trampolines made its debut, finished with 39.20 points. Huang Shanshan of China took bronze with 39.00.

Badminton

Men's doubles: Kim Dong-moon and Hyeon Tae-kwon of South Korea won the gold medal, beating compatriots Lee Dong-soo and Yoo Yong-seung. Indonesia's Eng Hian and Flandy Limpele won the bronze medal.

Fencing

Women's team epee: Russia used a patient, defensive strategy to defeat Germany 34-28 and win the gold medal.

The Russian squad of Karina Aznavourian, Oxana Ermakova and Tatiana Lagounova built their lead slowly by not allowing the Germans to score their second touch until more than 12 minutes into the 27-minute match.

Once up by seven points, the Russians never allowed the Germans to get any closer than two the rest of the way.

Judo

Men's over 100 kg: Women's over 78 kg-plus: Keiji Suzuki and Makoto Tsukada took judo gold medals Friday to give Japan eight wins from 14 events these Olympics, a record haul for the country that invented the discipline.

Suzuki won in the over 100kg category and Tsukada took the over 78kg-plus division.

In the women's category, Tsukada beat Danyla Beltrami when she held the Cuban down for 25 seconds.

U.S. softball team sets up showdown Americans to face Australia in semis

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Seven straight Olympic shutouts, and 77 victories in a row. The U.S. softball team is rolling like no team in history.

Cat Osterman struck out 10 in six innings, Crystl Bustos homered and the United States completed a perfect run through the preliminary round with a 3-0 victory over Taiwan on Friday, setting up a U.S.-Australia showdown in the semifinals.

On another blistering day, the U.S. (7-0) stayed as hot as the Australian sunshine.

The Americans are dominating in a way never seen before. Through seven games, they've outscored the opposition 41-0, allowed just 11 hits, permitted three runners to reach third and are poised to completely rewrite the Olympic record book.

"We want to dominate," said center fielder Amanda Franks. "Dominant may not adequately describe what the U.S. has done to the field over the past week."

However, now is when things get interesting.

Having cruised through round-robin play unscathed, the United States moves into Sunday's semifinals for a rematch with Australia, the only team to beat the Americans twice in the Olympics.

"It's a pitcher who got both of those wins — Tanya Harding — is

likely to start for the Aussies in the semifinals.

"I'm kind of thinking she might be on the mound," said U.S. coach Mike Candrea, who will go with Jennie Finch or Lisa Fernandez.

Fernandez will gladly take the ball. "I want to start everyday," she said.

Finch, too, would love to be the one in the circle.

"I hope I do start," she said, "but if I don't I'll support whoever is."

Right now, it may not matter who pitches. The United States didn't show many flaws in the opening round, but the tournament stands anew this weekend.

The Americans, who have already clinched at least a bronze medal, beat Australia 10-0 in a game shortened to five innings by the "mercy rule" earlier in the week. Things probably won't be so easy next time.

"Australia couldn't care less what we've done in the last seven games," Fernandez said. "It's a clean slate."

Give Taiwan (2-5) credit. The Taiwanese nearly scored, got three hits and two in the seventh off three-time Olympian Lori Hargraves — and became just the third team to go the seven-inning distance with the Americans.

Taiwan loaded the bases in the third, but Osterman got out of the jam with a strikeout. In the seventh, Freed made a diving catch at home, just up and downed the runner off first base.

Despite judging review, Hamm will retain gold

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The International Gymnastics Federation met Friday to review South Korea's protest of the score for Yang Tae-yung in the all-around that left him with the bronze medal and gave American Paul Hamm the gold.

No matter what the result, though, scores cannot be reversed and Hamm's medal cannot be taken away. FIG spokesman Philippe Silacci said. He said FIG officials were reviewing tapes from Wednesday's all-around to determine whether judges should be sanctioned.

Silacci said he expected a decision to be announced Saturday.

Hamm won Wednesday night's meet with a score of 57.823, 0.012 points better than South Korea's Kim Zou-eun in the closest all-around finish in Olympic history. Yang finished third with a score of 57.774.

South Korea's gymnastics federation complained because

Yang's parallel bars routine received a start value of 10 in team preliminaries and finals, but only a 9.9 for the same set in the all-around.

Had Yang received the extra tenth of a point, he would have finished first.

"Judges can make mistakes. That's human," Silacci said. "But it's like football. They cannot change the score once the game is over."

Silacci said reviews like this normally come weeks or months after the competition. But this "extraordinary meeting" was held quickly so that, if needed, judges could be sanctioned before Monday's parallel bars event final.

The rules give countries the chance to make inquiries about scoring decisions, but those inquiries can only result in a change score if they're put in before the following routine is over. "If you don't take advantage of that opportunity, then you lose that opportunity," said USA Gymnastics president Bob Colaninzi.

SPORTS

Though short of Spitz's seven golds,
Phelps still has shot to tie record
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Wambach taps in winner for U.S.

Unusual goal against Japan puts women's team in soccer semifinals

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece — Abby Wambach will never score an easier goal. From one foot away, she tapped the ball into the net and put the United States into the Olympic semifinals.

Wambach finished a 4-on-0 breakthrough in the 59th minute with her 17th goal in her past 18 games, giving the U.S. women's soccer team a 2-1 quarterfinal victory over Japan on Friday.

The Americans will play Germany in the semifinals Monday in Iraklion. The game is a rematch of last year's World Cup semifinal, won 3-0 by eventual champion Germany.

All three goals were unusual, but Wambach's certainly required the least effort. With Mia Hamm taking a long free kick, moving their defenders forward a split-second too late.

That left four American players alone to chase down Hamm's kick — and goalkeeper Nozomi Yamago helplessly surrounded. Shaun Boxx controlled the ball easily and slid a pass to Wambach, who literally trotted the ball into the net.

Kristine Lilly scored her second goal in as many games in the 43rd minute for the Americans, who improved to 14-0-3 against Japan. Enri Yamamoto scored for Japan in the 48th.

The U.S. team played more aggressively throughout, responding to coach April Heinrichs' urge to play with "less caution" after tepid efforts in the three first-round games.

Heinrichs moved Lilly to forward and opened with three attackers for the first

time in the tournament, and Wambach returned after serving a one-game suspension for rough play. The Americans controlled much of the first half, surviving a momentary scare when Mia Hamm went down on a tackle by Aya Shimokozuru. Hamm returned in less than a minute.

Lilly's goal came when the veteran shook two defenders for a run into the penalty area, where she lost the ball on Hiromi Isozaki's tackle. Homare Sawa booted the bounding ball high into the air, and Lindsay Tarpley charged in and whiffed on a header that distracted goalkeeper Yamago just enough for Lilly to drive in an 8-yard shot just inside the left post.

Japan tied the game three minutes into the second half on Yamamoto's long free kick that bounced slowly inside the far post as Scurry and the U.S. defenders stood flat-footed.

After Wambach made it 2-1, Julie Foudy nearly added a third goal in the 78th minute, but her header was headed off the line by midfielder Miyuki Yanagita.

The U.S. survived a wild scramble in second-half injury time, when a Japanese corner kick bounced freely for several seconds before it was headed away.

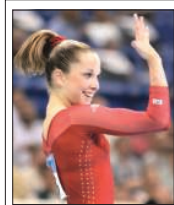
Japan entered the game with five days' rest in an unusual Olympic format that had teams playing different numbers of first-round games. The U.S. team had just two days' rest and played its fourth game in 10 days.

Heinrichs gave two players their first starts of the tournament.

Tarpley replaced Aly Wagner in midfield, and defender Brandi Chastain played her first minutes of these Olympics in place of Cat Reddick.



USA's Abby Wambach, left, goes for the ball against Japan captain Hiromi Isozaki on Friday in Thessaloniki, Greece. The U.S. won 2-1 and will face Germany in the semifinals.



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Medal count				
Leaders after 105 medal events in the 2004 Olympics on Friday, Aug. 20.				
Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	17	12	11	40
China	15	11	10	36
Russia	5	11	12	28
Australia	9	5	8	21
Japan	12	4	3	19
Germany	5	5	9	19
France	5	5	6	16
South Korea	4	8	3	15
Italy	5	6	3	14
Netherlands	2	5	12	

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